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HAVE you ever footed up your expenses in the treatment of your piles? No; they are enormous, we tell you; and you still suffer. Use the "TROPICAL BALSAM," and both expenses and sufferings will soon cease. See advertisement under "Medical."

BOOKS CLOSING!!
NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA PETROLEUM COMPANY.
PROPERTY IN THE VERY HEART OF THE OIL REGIONS OF VENANGO COUNTY, PA.
OFFICERS.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY, President.
ANDREW MEHAFFEY, Vice-President.
ANDREW V. STOUT, Treasurer.
EDMUND C. STEDMAN, Secretary.
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WILLIAM H. ANTHON, } Counsel.
ADAM C. ELLIS, }
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FRANCIS A. PALMER, President Broadway Bank, New-York.
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ALBERT H. NICOLAY, of Albert H. Nicolay & Co., Stock Auctioneers and Brokers, No. 52 William-street, New-York.
EUGENE J. JACKSON, of Polhamius & Jackson, Bankers and Brokers, No. 43 Exchange-place, New-York.
EDMUND C. STEDMAN, Secretary New-York Petroleum Stock Board, and broker, No. 30 Broad-street, New-York.
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FRANCIS A. GOODWIN, Philadelphia.
ROBERT CLARKSON, of Clarkson & Co., Bankers, 121 South Third-street, Philadelphia.
JAMES M. CLARK, Oil City, Pennsylvania.
OFFICE OF THE COMPANY,
No. 52 WILLIAM-ST., NEW-YORK.
No. 121 THIRD-ST., PHILADELPHIA.
CAPITAL STOCK $799,000 SHARES. NOMINAL PAR VALUE $5 EACH. SUBSCRIPTION PRICE ONLY $3 EACH. STOCK NOT SUBJECT TO ANY FURTHER ASSESSMENT. 50,000 SHARES OR $100,000 RESERVED FOR WORKING CAPITAL TO DEVELOPE THIS SPLENDID OIL PROPERTY.
The great advantage that this Company possesses over many is that all its magnificent Oil Territory has a water front, being situated on the famous Oil Creek and the Alleghany River. The oil lands of the company are also of the greatest importance, as many works are now idle for the want of fuel. The Company is now vigorously prosecuting its work, and the very extensive working capital of $100,000 is alone a sufficient guarantee that large and regular monthly dividends may be expected at an early day, which will cause the stock to rapidly rise in value.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.
A GREATER PART OF THE STOCK OF THIS COMPANY HAVING BEEN ALREADY TAKEN IN NEW-YORK, PHILADELPHIA AND OTHER PLACES, THE TRUSTEES GIVE NOTICE THAT THE SUBSCRIPTION BOOKS WILL POSITIVELY CLOSE ON
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18, 1865,
AFTER WHICH TIME NO STOCK CAN BE OBTAINED AT THE SUBSCRIPTION PRICE.
SUBSCRIPTION AGENTS:
F. A. PALMER, at Broadway Bank, No. 237 Broadway, New-York.
POLHAMIUS & JACKSON, No. 43 Exchange-place, New-York.
ALBERT H. NICOLAY & CO., No. 52 William-st., New-York.
CLARKSON & CO., No. 121 South Third-st., Philadelphia.
MELLEN, WARD & MOWER, Bankers, No. 20 Congress-st., Boston.
STEUART & CO., Bankers, Washington, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA PETROLEUM COMPANY, No. 52 Williams-st., NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1865.
IMPORTANT NOTICE.—As the greater part of the stock of the NEW-YORK AND PHILADELPHIA PETROLEUM COMPANY has already been taken by the first citizens of New-York, Philadelphia and elsewhere, and owing to the great demand as a permanent investment, the Trustees desire to give notice that only a limited number of shares can now be obtained at $5 each, and that the subscription books will positively close on WEDNESDAY, January 18, 1865, after which time no stock will be sold at the subscription price. ALBERT H. NICOLAY, President.
A. V. STOUT, Treasurer.
E. C. STEDMAN, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH, FORT WAYNE AND CHICAGO RAILWAY CO., PITTSBURGH, Dec. 15, 1864.
DIVIDENDS.—The Board of Directors have declared a DIVIDEND of 3½ per cent (free of Government tax) on the capital stock, for the quarter ending Dec. 31, inst., and of 3½ per cent (less the Government tax) on the Third Mortgage Bonds, for the six months ending Dec. 31, inst.; the latter in anticipation of that due April 1, 1865, both payable on and after Jan. 17, 1865, at the Company's Office in this city, and by the Transfer Agents, Winslow, Lanier & Co., No. 52 Wall-st., New-York, to the holders as registered at the respective offices. The Transfer Books will close on the 31st inst. at 2 o'clock p. m., and will re-open on the 17th day of January thereafter.
By order of the Board. W. H. BARNES, Sec.

EAST RIVER SAVINGS BANK, No. 3 Chambers-st., New-York, Dec. 19, 1864.
DIVIDEND.—The usual semi-annual dividend at the rate of six per cent per annum on all sums from $5 to $500, and five per cent on sums over $500, will be payable on and after the 16th day of January, 1865.
Bank open DAILY from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m., and on THURSDAY EVENING from 5 to 7 o'clock.
WM. H. SLOCUM, President.
CHAS. A. WHITNEY, Secretary.

DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors of the HOWARD INSURANCE COMPANY of New-York have this day declared a Dividend of TEN PER CENT upon the capital stock (free from Government Tax), payable on and after January 7, 1865.
HENRY A. OAKLEY, Secretary.
New-York, Jan. 3, 1865.

OFFICE OF THE PANAMA RAILROAD COMPANY, TONTINE BUILDINGS, No. 33 WALL ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 24, 1864.
THIRTY-FIRST DIVIDEND.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a Dividend of FOUR (4) PER CENT, out of the earnings of the Road for the three months ending 31st inst., and ONE (1) PER CENT 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 27th December, until the morning of the 5th January.
HENRY SMITH, Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE OHIO PETROLEUM COMPANY.—The OHIO PETROLEUM COMPANY will pay a DIVIDEND of TWO (2) PER CENT on its Capital Stock for the month of December, payable at the office of the Company, No. 4 Broad-st., New-York, on and after the 5th of January, 1865. WM. A. SHREVE, President.
ALLEN D. VORCE, Secretary.

THE MANUFACTURERS' BANK, Brooklyn, N. Y., have declared a CASH DIVIDEND of EIGHT PER CENT, payable on demand, and a STOCK DIVIDEND of TWENTY PER CENT, payable on and after the 11th day of January next. The Transfer Books are closed until the 10th January next inclusive.
Dec. 30, 1864. T. C. DISBROW, Cashier.

TWENTY-FIFTH DIVIDEND, HANOVER FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY. The Board of Directors of this Company have declared a Semi-Annual DIVIDEND of SIX (6) PER CENT, free from Government tax, payable on demand at their office, No. 45 Wall-st.
B. S. WALCOTT, Secretary.
New-York, January 2d, 1865.

OFFICE OF THE MARIPOSA COMPANY, No. 34 Wall-st., New-York.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, at the drawing this day made of twenty-five of the first Mortgage Bonds of the Company for redemption, the following bonds, numbered 89, 116, 161, 242, 292, 319, 409, 451, 464, 562, 600, 612, 746, 757, 765, 842, 857, 945, 998, 1,027, 1,168, 1,217, 1,314, 1,372, 1,363, were drawn by lot, and that the same will be paid in gold on presentation at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, the 2d day of January next, the first day of the month being Sunday. The bonds so drawn must be presented for payment within ten days of the first day of January next, under penalty of the forfeiture of the right of redemption under this drawing.—Dated 5th December, 1864.
By order of the Board, W. TITUS, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE MARIPOSA COMPANY, No. 34 Wall-st., New-York.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the coupons of the first Mortgage Bonds of the Company, falling due on the first day of January next, will be paid in gold, on presentation at the office of the Company, on and after the second day of January next.—Dated 5th December, 1864. W. TITUS, Secretary.

LIVERMORE, CLEWS & CO., BANKERS, No. 32 Wall-st., New-York. U. S. GOVERNMENT AGENTS for the sale of the 7 3-10 NATIONAL LOAN.
All denominations ready for immediate delivery. ¼ Per cent commission allowed in all cases, and liberal terms made with Banks, Bankers and Dealers.
ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF U. S. SECURITIES purchased and on hand for sale.

NOTICE.—THE ANNUAL MEETING of the STOCKHOLDERS of the WALLKILL LEAD COMPANY, for the ELECTION of DIRECTORS for the ensuing year, will be held on THURSDAY, the 5th of January, 1865, at the office of E. A. Quintard, No. 9 Pine-st. The polls will be open from 1 to 2 o'clock p. m. Transfer books will be closed from the 27th December to 5th January, inclusive.
WM. A. SCOTT, Secretary.

MECHANICS' AND TRADESMEN' BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 27, 1864.
AN ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Institution for the ensuing year, and for three Inspectors for the next ensuing election, will be held at the Banking House, on WEDNESDAY, the 11th day of January, 1865. Poll will be opened from 2 to 3 p. m.
GEO. W. YOULE, Cashier.

NEW-YORK, Jan. 2, 1865.
THE ANNUAL MEETING of the STOCKHOLDERS of the PRESTON COAL AND IRON COMPANY, of Virginia, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 12 Broadway, New-York, on TUESDAY, the 17th instant, at 12 o'clock m., at which time an ELECTION will be held for Seven Directors for the ensuing year. The poll will be open from 12 to 1 o'clock p. m. The directors will apply at this meeting for authority to sell tracts or parcels of the land of the Company. By order E. M. JOHNSON, Treas.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Jan. 3, 1865.
NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given, that any subscriptions for 10-40 Bonds made during the coming week amounting to $10,000 and upward, may be paid in instalments of not less than one-third on the 7th inst., not less than one-third on the 14th inst., and the balance on the 21st inst.
Each instalment must be some multiple of one hundred dollars. W. P. FESSENDEN, Secretary of the Treasury.

CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY.—NINTH MONTHLY DIVIDEND.—The Directors of the CENTRAL PETROLEUM COMPANY have this day declared a DIVIDEND of ONE PER CENT upon their Capital Stock of $5,000,000, payable on the 15th inst., at the office of the Company, No. 10 Pine-st., New-York. The transfer books will be closed from the 10th to the 15th inst.
WM. W. CLARKE, Secretary.

Financial.

TRADESMEN'S BANK, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1864.
A DIVIDEND OF SIX PER CENT (free of Government tax) has been declared payable on and after the 3d day of January. ANTHONY HALSEY, Cashier.

BROADWAY BANK, New-York, Dec. 21, 1864. THIRTIETH DIVIDEND. A Semi-annual dividend of TEN (10) PER CENT on the capital stock of this Bank has this day been declared from the profits of the current six months, payable on and after the 3d day of January, 1865.
By order of the Board, J. L. EVERITT, Cashier.

CHATHAM BANK DIVIDEND.—A dividend of SIX (6) PER CENT, free of Government tax, out of the profits of the past six months, will be paid to the stockholders on and after TUESDAY, 3d January next, the transfer books to remain closed from 23d inst. to day of payment inclusive. By order of the Board.
O. H. SCHREINER, Cashier.
New-York, 21st Dec., 1864.

METROPOLITAN BANK, No. 168 Broadway, New-York, Dec. 16, 1864.
DIVIDEND.—The Directors of the Metropolitan Bank have this day declared a semi-annual dividend of FIVE (5) PER CENT (free of Government Tax), payable after 1st MONDAY of January next.
The Transfer Books will remain closed from Dec. 17 until Jan. 4, 1865. GEORGE I. SEney, Cashier.

DIVIDEND.—The Directors of the ST. MARGARET COPPER MINING COMPANY of Canada East, have this day declared a semi-Annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT (free of Government tax) on the capital Stock, payable January 20, 1865 at the office of the company, No. 62 William-st. Transfer Books will be closed from the 10th to 16th January. EDWARD B. SUTTON, Sec'y.
New-York, Dec. 14, 1864.

PHILADELPHIA AND READING RAILROAD CO., OFFICE 73 SOUTH FOURTH ST., PHILADELPHIA, Nov. 30, 1864.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.—The Transfer Books of this Company will be closed on THURSDAY, Dec. 15, and reopened on TUESDAY, Jan. 10, 1865.
A Dividend of 13 PER CENT on the Common and Preferred Stock, clear of National and State taxes, has been declared, payable in Common Stock on 31st Dec. next, on all Stock standing on the Books of the Company at the close of business on the 15th proximo.
Stockholders whose names are registered on the New-York Books will be paid at the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, No. 56 Wall-st. S. BRADFORD, Treasurer.

FISK & HATCH, BANKERS, AND DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, NO. 40 WALL-ST., Receive orders for the
NEW 7-30 LOAN,
and have the notes always on hand for IMMEDIATE DELIVERY.
BANKS, BANKERS AND DEALERS SUPPLIED ON THE MOST FAVORABLE TERMS.
ALL CLASSES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES BOUGHT AND SOLD AT MARKET RATES.

HENRY A. HEISER & SON, NO. 44 PINE-ST., DEALERS IN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, BUY AND SELL
QUARTERMASTER CHECKS AND VOUCHERS;
5-20 BONDS;
1 YEAR CERTIFICATES;
7.30 LOAN, and every form of U. S. SECURITIES.
We invite the attention of Banks and parties desiring short investment, to our assortment of United States Six Per Cent Debt Certificates.
We have them on hand due in every month of the year, at rates that pay better interest than any security in the market.

VERMILYE & Co., BANKERS, No. 44 WALL-ST., Buy and Sell at market rates:
U. S. Coupon and Registered Bonds of 1881.
U. S. Coupon and Registered 5-20 Bonds.
U. S. Coupon and Registered 10-40 Bonds.
One-Year Certificates of Indebtedness.
New 7-30 Treasury Note Loan. Usual commission allowed.
Maturing Certificates of Indebtedness collected or purchased.

GOODYEAR BROTHERS & DURAND, BANKERS, No. 18 BROAD-STREET, New-York.
Interest allowed on accounts subject to check at sight, as with banks. Collections on all accessible points, at the lowest rates.
ALL KINDS of GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, RAILROAD STOCKS, BONDS, GOLD, &c., bought and sold on commission. Orders in Philadelphia and Boston executed without extra charge. Coupons and interest on United States Registered Bonds collected.
CHAS. GOODYEAR, Banker, Schoharie Co. Bank.
GEO. GOODYEAR, New-Haven, Ct.
GEO. G. GOODYEAR, HARVEY DURAND.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, December 10, 1864.
NOTICE is hereby given, of the readiness of this Department to redeem on presentation by payment in lawful money or by conversion into bonds as authorized by law, the Three Years' Treasury Notes, bearing interest at the rate of seven and three-tenth per centum, issued under Act of July 17, 1861. Interest will cease on all such Treasury Notes not so presented, after three months from this date; at which time, under the law, the right of conversion ceases. Holders thereof will govern themselves accordingly.
WM. P. FESSENDEN, Secretary of the Treasury.

OFFICE OF DOUGLAS MINING CO. OF MICHIGAN, No. 22 WILLIAM ST., NEW-YORK, Dec. 16, 1864.
AN INSTALLMENT OF ONE DOLLAR PER SHARE has been levied upon the Capital Stock of this Company, payable on the third day of January, 1865, at the office of the Company.
No transfers of Stock will be permitted after above date, unless the installment shall have been paid thereon.
By order, JAMES H. STEBBINS, Treasurer.

OFFICE of the SUSQUEHANNA and WYOMING Valley Railroad and Coal Company, Trinity Building, New-York, Dec. 22, 1864.—The stated annual meeting of the stockholders and election for directors will be held at the office of the company, on Tuesday, January 24, at 2 p. m.
ELLIS PORTER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DRY DOCK, EAST BROADWAY AND BATTERY RAILROAD COMPANY, No. 202 ELEVENTH ST., BETWEEN AVENUES C AND D, NEW-YORK, Dec. 29, 1864.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION for THIRTEEN DIRECTORS of this Company, and THREE INSPECTORS of the next Election, will be held at this Office, No. 202 Eleventh-st., on TUESDAY, the 10th day of January next. Polls will be open from 12 m. to 1 p. m.
A. B. HODGES, Secretary.

THE following COUPONS due Dec. 31 and Jan. 1, will be paid on and after the above dates, on presentation at the office of DUNCAN, SHERMAN & Co., Bankers:
CHICAGO CITY MUNICIPAL BONDS.
CHICAGO CITY WATER LOAN BONDS.
ALBANY CITY SIX PER CENT BONDS.
BUFFALO CITY SIX PER CENT BONDS, Dec. 31.
BUFFALO CITY SEVEN PER CENT BONDS.
DETROIT AND MILWAUKEE, R. R. FIRST FUNDED COUPON BONDS.
DETROIT AND PONTIAC R. R. BONDS.
MISSOURI STATE BONDS, issued to HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH R. R.
HANNIBAL AND ST. JOSEPH R. R. CONVERTIBLE BONDS.

T. L. TAYLOR & REED, BANKERS AND BROKERS, No. 5 BROAD-ST.
All descriptions of Government Securities, State and Railroad Bonds, Stocks and Gold, bought and sold on Commission. Collections made at all accessible points in the United States at the best rates. Deposits received subject to sight draft, and interest allowed.
THOS. L. TAYLOR, Late Cashier of Hanover Bank. THOS. REED.
SPECIAL PARTNERS.
JOHN MAXWELL. WILLIAM R. FINCH.

NOTICE.—INTEREST on all the BONDS of the Mississippi and Missouri Railroad Company due Jan. 1, 1865, will be paid on presentation at the Gold Exchange Bank on and after January 3.
GEORGE T. M. DAVIS, Treasurer.

ST. LOUIS, ALTON & TERRE HAUTE RAILROAD COMPANY.—The Coupons of the First Mortgage Bonds, Series A, of the St. Louis, Alton and Terre Haute Railroad Company, will be paid at the office of the Company, No. 12 Wall-st., on and after the Third day of January, 1865.
Envelopes, properly prepared to guard against errors, will be furnished on application. C. BUTLER, President.

PUBLIC PETROLEUM STOCK EXCHANGE, No. 71 Broadway, corner of Rector-st., N. Y.
Books for subscription for membership now opened at the rooms.
Terms $25 per annum.

PETROLEUM OIL LANDS.
637 Acres in Various Tracts on Oil Creek, Penn.
229 Acres ditto on Little Oil Creek, Penn.
3,129 Acres ditto on Alleghany River, Penn.
616 Acres ditto on Pithole Creek, Penn.
406½ Acres ditto on Cherry Run, Penn.
2,251 Acres ditto on Clarion River, Penn.
600 Acres ditto on Sugar Creek, Penn.
476 Acres ditto on West Hickory, Penn.
116 Acres ditto on Brokenstraw Creek, Penn.
113 Acres ditto on French Creek, Penn.
1,156 Acres ditto on Duck and Wolf Creeks, Ohio.
4,296 Acres ditto on Little Kanawha, Va.
160 Acres on Doe Run, Kentucky.
A 15 Bbl., 7 bbl. and 2 bbl. Wells FOR SALE.
MILLER & BARBEY, No. 67 Exchange Place.

I WILL receive OFFERS for 48 acres of first-class OIL LAND, held in fee, in close proximity to the noted Noble and Sherman Wells, and other developed and profitable oil wells. JAMES L. SMITH,
Office of The New-York Courier, No. 7 Spruce-st.

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PETROLEUM.
NEW-YORK, PHILADELPHIA, AND BALTIMORE CONSOLIDATED PETROLEUM AND MINING COMPANY.
CAPITAL, $1,500,000, DIVIDED INTO 300,000 SHARES.
PAR VALUE, $5.
SUBSCRIPTION PRICE, $1 PER SHARE.
NO FURTHER ASSESSMENT OR CALL ON THE SUBSCRIBERS, AS 50,000 SHARES ARE RESERVED FOR WORKING CAPITAL.
PRESIDENT—J. S. CLARK, of New-York.
VICE-PRESIDENT—R. H. WISHART, New-York.
TREASURER—H. F. DEVOE, New-York.
SECRETARY—J. CONKLIN, New-York.
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R. V. R. KETCHUM, Baltimore, Md.
O. KING, Baltimore, Md.
J. H. GOULD, Philadelphia, Pa.
W. WOODRUFF, Baltimore, Md.
R. H. WISHART, New-York.
H. F. DEVOE, New-York.
A. CLARK, Tarr Farm, Pa.
H. P. CLARK, Oil City, Pa.
GENERAL SUPERINTENDENTS.
J. S. CLARK, N. Y. A. CLARK, Tarr Farm, Pa.
H. P. CLARK, Oil City, Pa.
OFFICES:
No. 71 BROADWAY, N. Y.
Nos. 612 and 614 CHESTNUT-ST., PHILA.,
AND BALTIMORE, MD.
This Company is organized under the laws of the State of New-York. The principal office is No. 71 Broadway, with branch offices in Philadelphia and Baltimore, for the convenience of subscribers, where the certificates of stock will be issued to subscribers as soon as scrip-books are ready, without delay. The property has been selected with great care during the last three years by those of the directors who have been constantly operating on Oil Creek, and throughout the entire oil region of Pennsylvania, as well as Western Virginia, and was not selected to sell, but for the ostensible purpose of development and producing oil, having now some ten wells under contract, and being bored with vigor. Every acre of this Company's property is bottom, and the best of boring land, much of it on Oil Creek, Cherry Run, Cherry Tree Creek, Walnut Bend, Alleghany River, and other streams where the lands are being developed with good success.
OFFICE IN NEW-YORK, where Prospectus and every information can be obtained.
No. 71 BROADWAY, NEW-YORK.

WITHDRAWN AFTER 7th JANUARY.
TEN-FORTY GOLD BONDS,
PRINCIPAL AND INTEREST PAYABLE IN GOLD.
THE TENTH NATIONAL BANK,
No. 210 BROADWAY.
Will receive subscriptions THIS WEEK ONLY for the above Bonds.
Payments may be made:
One-third 7th January.
One-third 14th January.
One-third 21st January.
All the 5 per cent Treasury Notes received in payment and interest allowed to date of same.
A commission of ½ per cent returned to all persons subscribing for these bonds, and attention is called to them as being the only bonds expressly made by law the PRINCIPAL PAYABLE IN GOLD. D. L. ROSS, President.
J. H. STOUT, Cashier.

PHENIX BANK, NEW-YORK, Dec. 28, 1864.
A DIVIDEND of FIVE (5) PER CENT, (free of Government Tax,) has been declared this day, payable on and after January 3, 1865, until which date the Transfer Books are closed. JOHN PARKER, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD COMPANY, NEW-YORK, Dec. 22, 1864.
AT a Meeting of the BOARD of DIRECTORS, held this day, it was
Resolved, That a Dividend of FIVE PER CENT in cash, free of Government tax, be paid on the first day of February next, to the holders of full-paid shares of this Company, registered the twentieth day of January next, and that the Transfer Books be closed on the said twentieth day of January and opened on the third day of February.
THOMAS E. WALKER, Treasurer.

EAST RIVER BANK DIVIDEND.—The BOARD OF DIRECTORS have declared a DIVIDEND from the profits of the last six months, of FOUR PER CENT, free of Government tax, payable on and after Jan. 3, 1865. The Transfer Books will be closed from the 23d inst. to Jan. 3, inclusive.

NEW-YORK, January 4, 1865.
THE UNITED STATES FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY have this day declared a semi-annual DIVIDEND of FIVE (5) PER CENT, free of Government tax, payable on demand.
WASHINGTON RITTER, Secretary.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE AND HUDSON CANAL CO., No. 29 William-st., cor. of Exchange-place, New-York, Dec. 30, 1864.
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—In pursuance of authority given at a meeting of the Stockholders of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, held on the 21st day of April last, there will be apportioned among such persons as shall be stockholders in said Company on the 12th day of January next, twelve thousand five hundred shares of new Stock, in the ratio of one share to every seven shares of stock then held by each Stockholder; certificates of stock so apportioned will be ready for delivery to those entitled to the same, on and after the 1st day of February next, (same day on which the usual cash dividend will be paid). No scrip will be issued for fractions of a share, but the number of shares representing the aggregate of such fractions will be sold at public auction on the 25th day of January, and the net proceeds will be paid to the Stockholders on and after the 1st day of February next, according to their respective interests.
The Government tax on the above mentioned apportionment will be paid by the Company. By order of the Board.
ISAAC S. SEYMOUR, Treasurer.

PROVIDENCE, &c., SUPREME COURT, SEPTEMBER TERM, A. D. 1864.—Upon the application of Nathan F. Dixon for an order of notice to the bondholders of the Hopkinton Bank and Claimants upon the Receiver:
It is adjudged, ordered and decreed that the said Dixon cause a notice to be published in the Providence Journal, Chicago Tribune, and New-York Tribune, directing the holders of the bills of said Hopkinton Bank and the claimants upon the Receiver thereof to bring in and present their bills of said Bank and their claims upon said Receiver at the Hopkinton Bank in Westerly, on or before the 15th day of March, 1865, or their claims shall be forever barred as against said Receiver. Said notice to be published for at least two months after the 15th day of December, 1864.
Entered as the decree of Court, 42d day S. T., 1864, (Dec. 1.)
By order, JOHN A. GARDNER, Clerk.

COUPON MINNESOTA EIGHT PER CENT. BONDS.—Coupons due Jan. 1 on Minnesota Eight Per Cent Bonds will be paid at office of P. M. MYERS & Co., No. 48 Wall-st.

OFFICE GUARDIAN LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF N. Y., January 4, 1865.
AN INTEREST DIVIDEND to the Stockholders of this Company will be due and payable on and after Monday, January 9, 1865.
The Transfer Books will be closed to that date. By order,
H. V. OAHAGAN, Secretary.

GREENWICH BANK, N. Y., Dec. 30, 1864.
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—The Annual Election for nine Directors for the ensuing year, and three Inspectors of the next election, will be held at the Banking House, on the SECOND MONDAY of January next, being the 9th day of said month. Poll to open at 12 o'clock m., and close at 1 o'clock p. m.
By order of the Board of Directors,
WILLIAM HAWES, Cashier.

NOTICE.—The COUPONS of the HOUSATONIC RAILROAD COMPANY falling due Jan. 1, 1865, will be paid at the office of Messrs. Ketchum, Son & Co., No. 40 Exchange place, or at the Treasurer's office in Bridgeport, Conn. CHARLES K. AVERILL, Treasurer.

NINTH NATIONAL BANK.—Notice is hereby given that an Election for NINE DIRECTORS to serve for the ensuing year, will be held at this Bank on TUESDAY, January 10, 1865, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock.
JOHN T. HILL, Cashier.

CONDITION OF THE FIFTH NATIONAL BANK OF NEW-YORK, on the morning of the first Monday of January, 1865:

Loans and Discounts	$323,291 24
Over Drafts	65 09
Fixtures account	1,950 00
Expenses	9,691 49
Taxes Paid	364 77
Premium account	6,200 00
Cash Items, clks. in Exchanges, &c	21,226 30
Due Banks	45,937 41
U. S. Bonds, &c	201,550 00
Bank Notes	2,386 00
Specie	4,353 89
Other Lawful Money	138,416 00
Total	$679,357 31
Capital Stock Paid In	$150,000 00
Circulating Notes	63,000 00
Individual Deposits	312,090 57
U. S. Deposits	125,518 68
Profits	27,748 06
Total	$679,357 31

STATE OF NEW-YORK, COUNTY OF NEW-YORK: I, Andrew Thompson, Cashier of the Fifth National Bank, New-York, do solemnly swear that the above statement is correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.
ANDREW THOMPSON, Cashier.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of January, 1865. E. STEPHENSON, Notary Public.

SUBSCRIPTIONS RECEIVED to January 7, for 10-40 U. S. BONDS.
¼ per cent commission allowed. Payments may be made
One-Third, January 7.
One-Third, January 14.
One-Third, January 21.
5 per cent Treasury Notes taken in payment and accrued interest allowed.
LIVERMORE, CLEWS & Co., No. 32 Wall-st. N. Y., U. S. Government Loan Agents.

THE TRUSTEES of the SEAMEN'S BANK FOR SAVINGS, have ordered that interest (free of Government tax) be paid to depositors entitled thereto, for the six months ending Dec. 31, as follows: On sums of Five Hundred Dollars and under, at the rate of five per cent per annum; and on sums exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, at the rate of four per cent per annum, payable on and after Monday, 16th inst. The interest will be placed to the credit of the depositors as principal.—New-York, Jan. 4, 1865.
SAMUEL HOSTON, Secretary. WM. R. MACY, Pres't.

Financial.

GOODYEAR BROTHERS & DURAND
OFFER FOR SALE:
$200,000
OF THE FIRST MORTGAGE COUPON BONDS OF THE BROADWAY AND SEVENTH AVENUE RAILROAD COMPANY, DATED JUNE 1, 1864; DUE 1884, BEARING INTEREST AT THE RATE OF SEVEN PER CENT, PAYABLE SEMI-ANNUALLY AT THE BROADWAY BANK.
These Bonds are part of an issue of the First Mortgage Bonds on the franchise of the road, its track, cars, horses, real estate and other corporate property.
This Company own the most valuable franchise in the City of New-York, having two branches, both commencing at Seventh-avenue—one runs down Seventh-avenue to and through Greenwich-avenue and Thompson-street to Canal—the other runs down Broadway to Fourteenth-street, thence through University-place, &c., to Barclay-street, tapping Broadway at present at Broome and Barclay-streets, with the privilege of tapping at Park-place and Duane-street.
Parties desiring a first-class security on one of the best city roads are requested to call at our banking house.
GOODYEAR BROTHERS & DURAND,
No. 18 Broad-st.

SPECIAL PETROLEUM NOTICE.
"LITTLE KANAWHA AND ELK RIVER PETROLEUM AND MINING COMPANY," OF WEST VIRGINIA.
Geologists and practical men unite in their belief, and so report, "that the property of this Company—62,860 ACRES OF LAND, IN FEE—is in the very center of the West Virginia Oil Region—has numerous oil and gas springs along the banks of its principal streams (one of which vies with the famous Burning Spring itself), and is surrounded by properties on every side that are unmistakable in their oil-bearing character."
The subscription for its purchase is now being made at the office of the undersigned. It contains the names of many of our prominent capitalists and business men, is already far advanced, and will be closed at an early day.
Prof. RICHARDSON'S very able and interesting REPORT on the property, with CIRCULAR attached, containing the conditions of the subscription, and any additional information, can be obtained at this office.
JAMES WADSWORTH & Co., No. 61 CEDAR ST., NEW-YORK.

PROPOSALS FOR $2,380,000
MORRIS & ESSEX RAILROAD COMPANY FIRST MORTGAGE 7 PER CENT BONDS, OF $100, $500 AND $1,000,
REDEEMABLE IN FIFTY YEARS,
WITH COUPONS PAYABLE IN NEW-YORK, AND PROVISION FOR A SINKING FUND FOR THE REDEMPTION AT MATURITY.
These Bonds are the *Entire Balance* of the $3,500,000 of Bonds of the Company which can be issued under the First Mortgage, except for the Second Track and Extension to the Water Gap, and are now offered for sale for the purpose of completing the Extension of the Road from Hackettstown, the present terminus, to Phillipsburg opposite Easton; for building the Branch Road from Dewville via Boonton to Newark, (a very favorable line for the Coal Traffic); and for furnishing Coal, Freight and Passenger Cars and Engines.
The Morris and Essex Railroad, when extended to Easton, will connect with the Lehigh Valley Railroad, with the Lehigh Canal Company's road now in course of construction and nearly completed, and with the East Pennsylvania Railroad, which is proposed to be extended from Allentown to Easton. These roads will supply the Morris and Essex Railroad immediately upon its completion, with an immense tonnage for transportation, and it must become one of the most important avenues for the transportation of coal from the Lehigh and Eastern Schuylkill regions; and will also form a part of the great through line to Cincinnati and Chicago and the great West generally via Lehigh Valley, Allentown, Pennsylvania Central, and Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago Railroads.
These Bonds are secured by a First Mortgage to James Brown and Peter Cooper, Trustees, upon the road completed and in the course of completion, and upon the branch from Dewville to Newark, from the Hudson River at Hoboken to the Delaware River at Phillipsburgh, including all rights, real estate, rolling stock and other property of the Company.
The Capital Stock of the Company, amounting to $2,100,000, has all been called in and expended upon the road, which, in addition to the amounts received and to be received from the bonds applied and to be applied to the extension of the present road, and the building of the Branch Road, afford an undoubtedly ample basis for the security of these Bonds. This will be evident from the fact that the business on the local road, from Newark to Hackettstown, has always been sufficient to pay 7 per cent interest on the amount invested in it.
Sealed proposals for these Bonds will be received until FRIDAY, the 20TH JANUARY next, at 3 o'clock p. m., for the whole or any portion. Ten per cent and the premium will be paid at the time of the awards of the bids, and ninety per cent on the delivery of the Bonds, which will be in ten equal instalments, every thirty days, and which extends the last payment to October 20, with the right of paying in full at any time. The interest account will be adjusted at the time of paying of the Bonds. No bids under par will be accepted, but all bids at par and over will be awarded in the order of the premiums, and should there be an excess of bids at the lowest rates, then the bids will be awarded pro rata. The Bonds will be coupon, with the right of registration, or by surrender of the coupons, made transferable on the books of the Company at the pleasure of the holders. Parties making proposals will state the amount of Bonds desired, the denomination and price per one hundred dollars.
Each proposal should be sealed, and indorsed "Proposal for the Morris and Essex Railroad Company Bonds," and inclosed in a second envelope, addressed to J. D. VERMILYE, esq., Merchants' Bank, New-York, or to the undersigned, Newark, New-Jersey, either of whom will furnish printed copies of the mortgage, which contains full information.
By order of the Board of Directors.
ISAAC VAN WAGENEN, Treasurer.

DIVIDENDS.
THE QUICKSILVER MINING COMPANY.
The Directors of the The Quicksilver Mining Company have this day declared a SEMI-ANNUAL DIVIDEND of FIVE DOLLARS per Share in UNITED STATES GOLD COIN, payable on the 15th day of February, 1865, to Stockholders of record January 31st, 1865.
Transfer Books will be closed from February 1st to 15th inclusive.
WALTER E. LAWTON, Treasurer.
New-York, Jan. 4, 1865.

THIRTY-SIXTH DIVIDEND.—The National Fire Insurance Company has declared a semi-annual dividend of EIGHT PER CENT, payable on and after MONDAY, Jan. 9, at its office, No. 52 Wall-st.—New-York, Jan. 3, 1865. HENRY T. DROWNE, Secretary.

THE BUCK-EYE STATE PETROLEUM COMPANY.
300,000 SHARES OF $2 EACH.
One Hundred Thousand Shares reserved by the Company for the development of the property.
President.....THOMAS W. SATTERTHWAITE.
Treasurer.....N. W. STUYVESANT CATLIN.
Vice President.....GEO. B. CORNISH.
Secretary.....ARTHUR B. MORRIS.
Trustees:
THOMAS W. SATTERTHWAITE, No. 61 William-st., New-York.
S. C. HILLS, No. 12 Platt-st., New-York.
GEO. B. CORNISH, No. 61 William-st., New-York.
N. W. STUYVESANT CATLIN, No. 61 William-st., New-York.
J. H. PULESTON, No. 69 Broadway, New-York.
RICHARDS KINGSLAND, No. 38 Pine-st., New-York.
JOHN F. PICKRELL, Baltimore.
Attorney and Counsel:
HENRY J. SCUDDER, of Scudder & Carter, No. 66 Wall-st.
This Company has 1,500 acres of the best oil territory, situated in Washington County, Ohio. Twelve wells are in the course of boring. Engines, tools, &c., &c., are being procured and the work will be prosecuted with vigor.
It is expected to be in daily receipt soon of large product of oil.
Books for subscription for 30,000 remaining shares at $1, being one-half the par value, are now open at the office of Satterthwaite Brothers, No. 61 William-st., S. C. Hills, No. 12 Platt-st., and at
RICHARDS KINGSLAND, No. 38 Pine-st., N. Y.

AT A MEETING of the EXCELSIOR PETROLEUM CO., held at their office, No. 8 Broadway, the following Officers and Trustees were elected for the ensuing year:
AUGUSTUS EMBURY, President.
ARTHUR T. HURD, Secretary and Treasurer.
TRUSTEES.
J. C. D