

## THAT LITTLE PAVING ITEM

The Citizens' Municipal Association to Fight It.

## STREET RAILWAY OBLIGATIONS.

If Not Lived Up to the City Has the Right to Buy the Roads at Their Original Cost.

An important meeting of the Citizens' Municipal Association was to have been held yesterday afternoon at their rooms, opposite St. George's Hall, Thirteenth and Arch streets. Several subjects of interest to taxpayers would probably have come up before the association, among which may be mentioned the proposed ordinance devoting \$200,000 to the repairing or repaving of streets occupied by passenger railways. On that point the law of 1867 is the foundation upon which the City Solicitor based his opinion adverse to the proposed subsidy to the street railways, and upon which the Councilmen who mean to support that opinion strongly rely. It is possible that the public may not be fully posted on the exact wording of that ordinance, so that the following extracts showing the precise meaning of the framers of the law may read with some interest.

In reference to the duty of the street railway companies to keep in order the pavements of the streets through which they pass the ordinance says that they "shall be at the cost of maintaining, paving, repairing and repaving any road, street, avenue or alley occupied by their tracks." In reference also to the right of the city to buy the road at any time at the original cost the ordinance in another section is thus worded: "The directors of any such company or companies shall immediately on the completion of any passenger railway in the city file in the office of the City Solicitor a detailed statement, under the seal of the company, and certified and secretary, of the entire cost of the same."

*Right Reserved to Buy the Lines.*

"And the city reserves the right at any time to purchase the same by paying the original cost of said road or roads and cars at a fair valuation.

"And any such company or companies refusing to consent to such purchase shall thereby forfeit all privileges, rights and immunities they may have acquired in the use or possession of any of such highways aforesaid, or should any such company or corporation neglect to run cars upon their road or roads for the accommodation of the public for the space of three consecutive months the Councils reserve the right to rent the same to any other person or persons, company or companies that may be willing to run cars on the same."

"Or in the event of the Councils, as aforesaid, being unable to rent said road, or to place cars on the same for one year after the same shall have been abandoned, as aforesaid, by the company constructing or owning the same, then and in such case the Councils reserve the right to cause the said road to be removed from the highway and to sell or dispose of the materials therefrom, and after paying all expenses arising therefrom to pay the balance, if any, to the legal representatives of the said defaulting company. Each company's officers are also bound to file a written obligation in the office of the City Solicitor to comply with these obligations, and a detailed statement, under oath or affirmation, of the value of their property."

Besides the above, the meeting would have had before it the case of some houses in the Twenty-fourth ward which are said to represent a still more flagrant violation of the law against buildings, partly or wholly frame, than that which recently occurred in the Twenty-seventh ward, respecting which it is thought that Councils are at present disposed to exonerate the owners and call the Building Inspectors to account for their interpretation of the law, at least so far as to caution them to be careful how they interpret it in that way again.

It was found, however, that so many of the members of the association had gone to Chicago that it was deemed wise to defer calling the meeting till some time next week. It was intimated, however, that there was a disposition to oppose the appropriation of the \$200,000 for the paving of streets occupied by the passenger railways, and that should Councils pass the ordinance for such expenditure at their next meeting some way of meeting such action on their part in the courts would be industriously sought out.

## THE BISHOP-ELECT.

If He Accepts He Will Be Warmly Welcomed in Ohio.

Rev. R. L. Howell, rector of Grace Church, Sandusky, and Hon. D. L. King, of Ohio, were in this city yesterday and had an interview with Rev. William F. Nichols, rector of St. James's Protestant Episcopal Church. Those gentlemen were named as the committee to visit this city and notify Mr. Nichols of his election as Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Northern Ohio, and have accordingly discharged that duty, which was rendered a particularly pleasant one by the fact that they found in Mr. Nichols's possession a cablegram, of which Mr. Howell yesterday had a copy, from Bishop Bedell in reference to the election, of which the right reverend gentleman had been notified in like manner.

One of the objections urged by the friends of another candidate was that the choice of the present bishop-elect would not be agreeable to the bishop of the diocese. Bishop Bedell, however, at once set the question at rest by the following kindly message:

INTERLAKEN, June 15.—Rev. William F. Nichols, thank God for election cabled to-day. Urge acceptance. Heartily welcome come to Ohio.

G. T. BEDELL.

Rev. Mr. Howell stated that Mr. Nichols had not given the committee any positive assurance that he would accept the high office thus tendered him, but, at the same time, he had not actually discouraged them, and they were therefore hopeful, especially in view of the telegram from Bishop Bedell, that he would eventually give his consent.

## IMPORTANT CAMPAIGN PAPER.

Appointment of the Committee to Prepare a Tariff Address.

Chairman Phillip C. Garrett, yesterday appointed the committee of thirteen, provided for in John W. Frazier's resolution offered on Monday at the Board of Trade rooms, to prepare an address upon the tariff. The gentlemen selected are John W. Frazier, Hon. Edwin H. Fitter, Joseph Wharton, Colonel Charles Emory Smith, William Sellers, Edward C. Knight, Theodore C. Search, Charles H. Camp, John Lucas, Theodore Justice, A. G. Miller, Samuel G. Scott and Edward R. Wood.

The following were named as alternates: Thomas Dolan, J. B. Moorhead, John T. Bally, John H. Converse, W. W. Prader, Jr., James Dobson, Claus Spreckels, Richard Gannett, William H. Grundy, Charles J. Harrah, James S. Whitney, William Simpson, Jr.

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## UNIVERSITY LIBRARY.

Its Present Condition and Contemplated Erection of a handsome Structure on the Campus Next Fall.

It is announced that the funds for the new library building of the University have been collected and that ground will be broken in the fall. For several years past Provost Pepper has been making efforts to secure a library building suitable for the University. His exertions have been successful, and a sum of about \$170,000 has been subscribed by the friends and alumni of the college, the provost himself contributing \$10,000. Of this amount about \$35,000 will be expended in the construction of the building and the residue will be held as an endowment fund, the interest of which will be used in the purchase of standard and current books.

The building will be erected on the campus and will front Woodland avenue. It will be built of brick with stone facings, thus offering a contrast to the other buildings, which are mostly of serpentine. The part containing the reading room will be three stories in height. On the first floor will be the librarian's room, the reading room, and alcoves containing books in special demand. The second and third floors will contain circulation rooms for classes pursuing special courses of study requiring access to the library; a lecture room, where public lectures not requiring the use of so large a room as the chapel will be held; and a museum. This museum is for the exhibition of such archaeological treasures as may fall to the University through gift, and for the objects that may be brought to light by the Babylonian expedition now fitting out under the auspices of the college to make a series of explorations in the Valley of the Euphrates, under the leadership of Dr. Peters, the well-known Semitic scholar.

The part of the building used for stacking books will be two stories in height. The building will be well lighted and will be heated and ventilated after the most approved manner. The plans have been submitted to the librarians of Columbia College and Harvard University, and have gained their entire approval. When completed this will be one of the finest and best appointed library buildings of American colleges. It will contain shelves room for 500,000 volumes.

The present arrangements of the college library, which is in a room in College Hall, are unsatisfactory, having neither the space for stacking books nor the proper accommodations for readers. As a consequence, many intended gifts of miscellaneous and special libraries are deferred and the library little used, many standard books lying on its shelves with uncut leaves. Besides the college library, the medical, theological and law libraries will be placed in the new building, these several collections together numbering upwards of 50,000 volumes. The library of the Agricultural Society will probably also be added. The librarian is Mr. Gregory Keen.

After the completion of the library building it is proposed to erect an alumni hall, where alumni meetings and commencements will be held.

## LAYING A CORNER STONE.

Ceremonies Attending the Erection of St. John's P. E. Church at Fernwood.

About one hundred persons, mostly ladies, attended the laying of the corner stone of St. John's P. E. Church at Fernwood and Lansdowne, at Fernwood, Delaware county, yesterday afternoon. The stone was laid by Bishop Whitaker, who was assisted in the ceremonies by Rev. Robert F. Innes, minister in charge of St. Mary's Fernwood Mission, of which the new church is the outgrowth; Rev. Dr. Childs, secretary to the bishop; Rev. James Houghton, of Bryn Mawr; Rev. John Bolton, D. D., dean of the Chester Convocation; Rev. Gideon Burton, of the Burd Orphan Asylum; Rev. Mr. Roberts, of Christ Church Hospital; Rev. D. S. Bates, of Clifton Heights, and Rev. Mr. Fuller, of the Church of the Holy Spirit, this city.

The stone placed in the corner-stone contained a number of religious and secular documents, among which were the daily papers of Philadelphia, a copy of "The Standard of the Cross," a written history of the Fernwood Mission, the constitution and canons of the diocese, the "Diocesan Journal," the "Living Church" and the "Churchman."

An address was made by the Rev. Mr. Houghton, in which he spoke of the corner-stone laying of the spiritual temple of Jesus Christ by St. Paul, at Corinth, nineteen centuries ago. He said Christ was the corner stone of the new humanity. He enlarged upon the breadth of the doctrinal teachings having formerly been a Congregationalist but was particularly pleasing to him, he said to know the new church would be a free one and extend open arms to all regardless of creed, color or sex.

The new church building will be 30x30 feet on an 80x100 foot lot at the corner of Baltimore pike and Union avenue. It will be of Gothic style of architecture modified to a slight extent on the Colonial style. Stone will be the building material up to the square and the gables will be ornamente shingled, with a low belfry in front. There will be a seating capacity of 250, and the entire cost of erection will not exceed \$3000.

## THE COMING CAMPAIGN.

Harmony Legion and Republican Invincibles Preparing for the Presidential Fray.

A meeting of the Harmony Legion was held last night at Harmony Hall, on Broad street, above Fitzwater, for the purpose of making arrangements to participate in the demonstration attending the return of the delegates from Chicago. William Warnock presided and Charles R. Macaulay acted as secretary. It was announced that at least 500 men would be in line, representing the seventeen companies of the legion and the pioneer corps. The uniform will be a scarlet shirt, with the figure 6 in white leather on the breast; white scarf, dark trousers, blue cap, with the company letter, and badges. Each man will carry a small American flag.

After the transaction of routine business committees were appointed on finance, music and procuring equipment. Another meeting will be held to-morrow night to receive the reports of the committees. It is expected that ex-Recorder of Deeds John O'Donnell will march the Legion, and the members are to take an active part in the coming campaign.

Ex-Mayor William B. Smith, colonel of the Republican Invincibles, yesterday announced the following appointments for the campaign of 1888: Adjutant—Howard Tracy; Quartermaster—Washington Peck; Commissary—William A. Rhoads; Paymaster—William F. Fell; Quartermaster-Sergeant—Charles P. Hart; Commissary-Sergeant—John W. Kline; Sergeant-Major—Andrew D. Keyser; Surgeon—Edward L. Smith, M. D.

The field and staff will be at headquarters, No. 27 North Juniper street, every Wednesday evening to give such information as may be desired by those in command of recruiting companies.

## A \$50,000 Home for Germantown.

The new building of the Little Sisters of the Poor, at Mill and Chew streets, Germantown, will be laid with due ceremony by Archbishop Ryan at 3 o'clock on next Sunday afternoon. The building, which is to cost \$50,000, will be a companion wing of the large structure at present occupied by the aged poor. This will increase the capacity of the home to 300 persons.

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FOR DRY GOODS—STRAWBRIDGE & CLOTHIER

## MR. SMITH'S RETIREMENT.

His Long Services With the Pennsylvania Railroad—A Complimentary Expression from the Board of Directors.

The retirement of Mr. Edmund Smith from the office of financial vice-president of the Pennsylvania Railroad has naturally started a number of rumors as to his successor, and the latest one is that he will have no successor. Mr. Smith, by his talents for organization, had brought his department to such perfection, and by his skilled financiering had so arranged the monetary operations of the company that it is the opinion of some that the president will assume the supervision of the comptroller's and treasurer's departments. The only changes made by Mr. Smith's retirement is that it is thought will be the promotion of the second, third and fourth vice presidents to the titles of first, second and third vice presidents, with no change in their duties.

Mr. Smith is one of the few officers or employees of the company who were in its service when the line was laid out. He became connected with the company on June 1, 1847, when he was a rodman on the engineering corps that surveyed, located and constructed the road from Huntingdon to the summit of the Allegheny Mountains. In this service he remained until May, 1850, when he was transferred to the Western division, where he remained until September, 1852. He then came to this city and assumed charge of the construction of the shops and freight and passenger stations.

In January, 1855, he was elected secretary, which position he held for fourteen years, during which he became well acquainted with the financial and business methods of the company as he had been before with its operating department. The knowledge he gained in this capacity was of inestimable service to him in the important positions he held subsequently. He became third vice-president in May, 1869, treasurer in March, 1870, second vice-president in June, 1874, and finally first vice-president on September 13, 1882. How successful the administration of the financial department of this company has been is shown by the fact that its obligations issued at a low rate of interest command a premium among investors, not only in this country but abroad.

The board of directors has ordered the following minute in reference to Mr. Smith entered in the records of the company:

"In accepting with deep regret, the resignation of Mr. Edmund Smith, first vice-president, the board desire to place upon their minuses a warm expression of their high esteem and recognition of his faithful service to this company, and his devotion to its interests, in the many responsible positions held by him during a term of service of over forty-one years. In the severance of the ties which have bound the members of this board through so long a period of kindly intercourse, Mr. Smith will bear with him the heartfelt wishes of his associates for many years of health and happiness as an honored citizen of the Commonwealth in which he has spent so great a portion of his useful and busy life."

## CITY NECROLOGY.

Deaths of Well-Known Citizens at an Advanced Age.

Colonel William H. Keichling died on Monday, in the 73d year of his age. While quite a young man he came from Bucks county, his birthplace, to this city, and engaged in the wholesale station trade, which he pursued with success for a period of twenty years. He was noted as an energetic merchant, taking great interest in whatever concerned the welfare of the city. For fifteen years he was an inspector of the County Prison, and was appointed an aid by Governor Bigler, with the rank of lieutenant colonel. For five years he was a member of the Board of City Trustees and took an active interest in the erection of the Municipal Hospital. He was a life-long Democrat, and served that party at one time in the responsible post of treasurer of the Democratic State Committee. He leaves a widow, one son and two daughters. His funeral will take place from the residence of his family, No. 423 Franklin street.

## Edmund Bockius.

Edmund Bockius, a well-known Philadelphian, died on Monday at his residence on Walnut lane, near Adams street, Germantown. He was descended from Francis Bockius, who with three brothers had a land grant from William Penn in Germantown, where the deceased was born January 20, 1811. He was educated at the Mount Airy Academy and learned the trade of harness making from his father, John M. Bockius, at Main and Manheim streets, where he succeeded him in 1837 in the same business, which he conducted up to the time of his death. He was Lieutenant of the Third Germantown Blues at the time of the riots of 1844, and took an active part in the suppression of that outbreak. During one of the fights his clothing was pierced in several places by bullets, and one of them passing through his hat killed a man named John Keyser directly behind him. Mr. Bockius was a strong temperance and prohibition man, and was a trustee of the Market Square Presbyterian Church and an elder of that congregation for several years. He was long president of the Hood Cemetery Association at Fisher's lane and Germantown avenues and an active member in the days of the Volunteer Fire Department of the Columbia Hose Company. He leaves a wife and three daughters.

## Mrs. H. Shettaline.

Mrs. Hannah Shettaline, aged 95 years, wife of John Shettaline, died on Sunday at No. 1236 Broad street. She had invariably good health till recent. Some years ago she became blind, but her other faculties remained unimpaired. Her husband still lives at the age of 89.

## AN OFFICIAL INVITATION.

Major Fitter Asks Rear Admiral Luce to Come to Philadelphia.

Major Fitter is making every effort to have the North Atlantic Squadron participate in the Fourth of July celebration. Yesterday he sent the following telegram and letter to Rear Admiral Luce at Norfolk:

Rear Admiral S. R. Luce, Commanding North Atlantic Squadron, Norfolk, Va.—Citizens of Philadelphia invite you to bring your squadron up the Delaware to participate in the Fourth of July celebration. EDWIN H. FITTER, Major.

My Dear Admiral, ON my behalf, I wish you to bring your ships up the Delaware to participate in our Fourth of July demonstration, and I send this personal letter to you so you can be assured of an agreeable and pleasant reception from your friends. In view of the interest taken by our citizens here lately of several war ships, it seems an opportune moment for you to bring your squadron to our port on your Northwest cruise. It will gratify me exceedingly, as well as you, many friends in this city, to have the pleasure of again greeting you. Yours very truly,

## EDWIN H. FITTER, Major.

In view of the fact that Admiral Luce is at present engaged in getting his vessels, preparatory to a Northern cruise, it is thought very likely that the squadron will participate. A rowing contest on the Delaware between crews of the different vessels is also proposed.

## Large Estates.

The personal effects of the late Hannah C. Pickwick, a schedule of which was filed with the Register of Wills yesterday, are valued at \$300,000-\$35,000.

The estate of the late Samuel Fisher Corlies, which is valued at over \$100,000, is bequeathed to his widow and four daughters.

The Register has also granted letters of administration on the estate of the late Louisa Del Barto, who died in Paris in March last, leaving an estate of about \$200,000.

AMERICAN LAWYERS.

For the benefit of the public, the names of

## CO-EDUCATION.

Annual Commencement of Swarthmore College.

SOME MUNIFICENT DONATIONS.

Interesting and Clever Essays by the Graduates—Three New Scholarships Liberally Endowed by Philadelphians.

The sixteenth annual commencement of Swarthmore College took place yesterday morning at the institution, on the Philadelphia and West Chester Railroad. The special and regular trains conveyed a very large number of persons to the grounds. Among those present were Edward Stabler, of Baltimore; J. V. Watson, S. L. Smalley, Robert Biddle, Helen Conly White, Dr. M. Fisher Longstreth, Isaac Stevens, of Trenton; Thomas L. Gillespie, Clement Biddle, Thomas Fouke, of New York; Eli M. Lamb, Baltimore; Clement M. Biddle, Margaretta Walton, clerk of Philadelphia Yearly Meeting of Friends; Mary Willets, New York; E. B. Passmore, Wilmer W. Marshall, George W. Hancock, Isaac H. Clother, Joseph Wharton, President Fetterolf, of Girard College; George Watson, Thomas Robinson, John Parrish, Daniel Under