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Premium received on marine and inland risks to November 1, 1856	$214,684 60	
Fire premiums	176,796 61	
Interest on loans	8,704 47	
Total receipts		400,185 68
Paid marine losses	$64,427 04	
Paid fire losses	39,737 39	
Expenses, salaries, and commissions	45,489 00	
Reinsurance, return premiums, and agency charges	27,474 68	
		177,128 61
Balance remaining with the company		223,057 07

The Assets of the Company are as follows:

Philadelphia city and county bonds	$16,848 18
Railroad bonds	11,000 00
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Deposited with Duncan, Sherman, & Co., New York	30,000 00
Deferred payment on stock not yet due	97,700 00
Notes for marine premiums	108,080 59
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The business of this company will compare favorably with the most successful of similar institutions in the United States.

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And in other principal cities of the United States by authorized officers of the company.

June 13—d1y

BOUNTY LAND WARRANT.—Whereas, on the 15th October, 1855, a bounty land warrant, No. 7982, for 160 acres, was issued to the undersigned in his name, (October 15, 1855,) and by the Commissioner of Pensions sent to George H. Hickman, of Baltimore, and has been lost, so that I have never received said warrant, I hereby give notice that I have not transferred or assigned said warrant, or authorized any person to sell or assign the same for me or in my name, and have filed an affidavit as a caveat to prevent the issue of a patent to a fraudulent claimant, and will apply for a duplicate for the same at the proper time.

Ap 11—law6w ELISHA S. JOHNSON.

LOST LAND WARRANT.—The undersigned gives notice that he will apply to the Commissioner of Pensions for a duplicate land warrant in lieu of one signed to Thomas Richardson, dated 17th day of December, 1856, for 160, No. 12,759, which has been lost in the transmission by mail from Glenwood, Iowa, directed to Thomas R. Suiter, Washington, D. C., mailed 17th December, 1856.

Mar 25—law6w* THOMAS R. SUITER.

☞ The First Annual Exhibition of the Washington Art Association, comprising pictures, statuary, &c., by the most eminent artists in the United States, will be opened to the public at Mr. Corcoran's new building on H street, between 13th and 14th streets, on Saturday morning next, the 7th instant, at 10 o'clock, and will continue open, until further notice, every day between the hours of 10, a. m., and 10, p. m. Tickets of admission may be procured at the door, and at the principal bookstores in the city. Single admission, twenty-five cents. Season tickets, fifty cents.

Mar 6—dtf

R. H. GILLET, Counsellor at Law, has removed his office to his residence in Franklin Row, corner of K and Thirteenth streets. He will continue to devote his attention principally to cases in the United States Supreme Court.

Having devoted much time to the law concerning patents, he will give advice and opinions on legal questions arising in cases before the Patent Office, and on appeals to the chief justice or assistant justices of the District of Columbia; and will also assist in the preparation and trial of suits concerning patents.

He will also give written opinions and prepare arguments for parties having claims before Congress or either of the departments; and will also prosecute claims before any board established for their adjudication.

Oct 28—dtf

E. L. FANT, Jr., & CO., land agents and dealers in exchange, Lecompton, Kansas.—Land warrants located and sold on commission. Land warrants sold to pre-emptors on time.

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March 18—w1d&1o1m

Fresh Beef and Vegetables for the Navy.

NAVY AGENT'S OFFICE,
April 25, 1857.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until Monday, the twenty-fifth day of May, 1857, at noon, for the supply of such quantities of fresh beef and vegetables as may be required on the Washington station during the fiscal year commencing on the 1st day of July next, and ending on the 30th June, 1857.

The beef and vegetables must be of good quality, and the best the market affords; and each article must be offered for by the pound.

Bond with approved security will be required in one-half the estimated amount of the contract, and twenty per centum in addition will be withheld from the amount of each payment to be made, as collateral security for the due performance of the contract, which will on no account be paid until it is fully complied with.

Every offer made must be accompanied (as directed in the act of Congress making appropriation for the naval service for 1846-'47, approved 10th August, 1846) by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that he or they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into an obligation, within five days, with good and sufficient sureties, to furnish the articles proposed.

No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by such guarantee. A. GREENLEAF, Navy Agent.

Ap 25—law4w†

BALTIMORE FEMALE COLLEGE, N. C. Brooks, A. M., President.—This seminary of learning, instituted for the liberal education of young ladies, was created a college proper by the legislature of Maryland, December session, 1840, with authority to confer degrees, and endowed with all the rights and privileges of the most favored female institution.

There are two departments in the institution—the collegiate department and the preparatory department, with their appropriate branches of learning. The course of study in each is three years, designated by as many different classes.

COURSE OF INSTRUCTION.

The course of instruction is intended to develop the intellectual, social, and moral faculties; and by imparting a thorough, practical, accomplished, and Christian education, fit the pupil for the faithful discharge of the responsible duties that await her in life.

Great pains will be taken to promote intellectual advancement by rendering the acquisition of knowledge pleasant, and by training the pupil to correct habits of thought and reflection.

The proper exercise of the social feelings will be encouraged by inculcating whatever belongs to refined manners and dignified courtesy in our intercourse with others; while reading, recitations, and expositions from the Bible, will familiarize the mind with the truths of our holy religion, and imbue the heart with right principles of action and rules for the government of life.

The course of instruction embraces the following heads of study:

MORAL, MENTAL, AND POLITICAL SCIENCE.

The philosophy of the mental economy and of government and the great subject of morals, not mere speculative, but as they affect the heart and influence the life, will be taught with care and fidelity.

Subjects: Moral Philosophy, Mental Philosophy, Political Economy, Constitution of the United States.

BIBLICAL LITERATURE.

The position of the Christian Mother in society, and her peculiar fitness to fashion the plastic mind and heart of the young, demand that she should be thoroughly instructed in all that pertains to the truths of religion; and hence the word of God, with the evidences of Christianity, forms a part of the course of instruction.

Subjects: Scriptural History, Chronology, and Geography; Evidences of Christianity, Christian Ethics.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES.

The course of study in the ancient languages is sufficiently extensive to train the mind to careful and patient thought, as well as to insure a better acquaintance with the English language. Besides translation and analysis, the doctrines of quantity and the metres will claim attention, while the classic authors will be illustrated by the light of ancient history, chronology, and geography.

Subjects: Greek Language, History of Greek Literature, Grecian Antiquities; Latin Language, History of Latin Literature, Roman Antiquities.

MATHEMATICS AND NATURAL SCIENCE.

In the mathematics great pains will be taken to insure an acquaintance with the subjects pursued, and especially to teach principles rather than induce the memory with a multiplicity of rules. Natural philosophy and chemistry will hereafter be taught with illustrations and experiments. A cabinet of minerals will be fitted up to afford facilities for the study of mineralogy; and physiology will be studied with such assistance as may be derived from anatomical outline plates.

Subjects: Arithmetic, Geometry, Algebra, Mensuration, Natural Philosophy, Chemistry, Mineralogy, Geology, Botany, Physiology, Astronomy, Ancient Geography, Natural History.

ENGLISH AND BELLES LETTRES.

As this forms the basis of all the subsequent branches of study, especial pains will be taken to render instruction in it efficient, and thus facilitate the pupil's progressive acquirements. Composition will engage a portion of the pupil's time commensurate with its importance; so that young ladies will be enabled to conduct a correspondence with credit, and express their ideas upon any subject of interest with ease and elegance. Arithmetic will be taught with especial regard to practical utility, and the pupil will be rendered familiar with such calculations as occur in marketing, in shopping, and at the grocery. As the circumstances of a family depend not only upon what is made in business, but what is saved at home, book-keeping will be taught to the young ladies, as a great auxiliary to domestic economy.

Subjects: Orthography, Reading, Writing, Arithmetic, English Grammar, Geography, History, Book-keeping, Rhetoric, Logic, Criticism, History of Literature, Composition.

MODERN LANGUAGES.

The exercises in this department will be conducted in a manner to insure to the pupil not merely a knowledge of the grammatical construction of the language studied, but ability to write and speak it with fluency.

Subjects: French Language, French Literature, Spanish Language, Spanish Literature, German Language, German Literature.

ORNAMENTAL BRANCHES.

This department of instruction shall afford every facility to the student, and the best professors be engaged. Those already in the institution are of acknowledged ability and approved experience.

Subjects: Vocal Music, Instrumental Music, Drawing and Painting, Needlework.

Singing forms a part of the daily religious exercises of the institution, accompanied by the music of a parlor organ.

The institution, though but in its eighth year, already takes rank with our oldest seminaries, and enjoys a liberal patronage from the city of Baltimore, and from the middle, southern, and western States.

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J. A. Monroe, A. B., Mathematics and Astronomy.
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Miss M. L. Best, English and Physiology.
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Dr. John Smith, Fort Smith, Arkansas.
Dr. Henry J. Holmes, Jackson, Mississippi.
Rev. S. A. Marks, Washington, D. C.
Rev. Edward R. Anderson, Christiansburg, Va.
George Brown, esq., Hague, Va.

The regular spring session will open April 15th, but pupils will be received at any time.

For circulars containing full information address at No. 53 St. Paul street, Baltimore, Md. N. C. BROOKS, President.

March 6—15d&cp

Washington Branch Railroad.

TRAINS leave Washington for Baltimore—
At 6 and 8½, a. m., and 3 and 4½, p. m.
On Sunday at 4½, p. m.
Leave Baltimore for Washington—
At 4½ and 9½, a. m., and 3 and 5½, p. m.
On Sunday at 4½, a. m.
Passengers for Philadelphia and New York will take trains at 6, 8½, and 4½.
Passengers for Annapolis will take trains at 8½ and 4½.
Do. for Norfolk " " 8½ and 3.
Do. for the West " " 6 and 4½, connecting at Washington Junction.

T. H. PARSONS, Agent.

Jan 17—dtf

COMPLETION of Panama Railroad.—Reduction of fare to California.—United States mail steamships leave New York for Aspinwall on the 5th and 20th of each month, connecting with mail steamers from Panama to San Francisco.

These steamships have been inspected and approved by the Navy Department, and guaranty *speed and safety*.

The Panama railroad (47 miles long) is now completed from ocean to ocean, and is crossed in 3 or 4 hours. The baggage of passengers is checked in New York through to San Francisco, and passengers are embarked at Panama by steamer at the company's expense. The money paid in New York covers all expenses of the trip.

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Passengers leave Panama the same day they arrive at Aspinwall.

Conductors go through by each steamer, and take charge of women and children without other protectors.

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May 9—dtf

ALEXANDRIA ACADEMY, Alexandria Va.—Eighteenth annual session.—The course of study embraces the usual English branches, ancient and modern languages, mathematics, and natural sciences. Its advantages are:

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March 7—3awów

BARNY'S CONFECTIONARY, No. 84 Bridge street, Georgetown, D. C., where all kinds of entertainments are furnished, with the best ice creams, cakes, water ices, confectionary, &c., at the shortest notice, and on the most moderate terms. Medal awarded at the last exhibition of the Metropolitan Mechanics' Institute.

Feb 3—dtf

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March 7—1md&cp†

United States Patent Office,

WASHINGTON, April 20, 1857.

ON the petition of Pliny Robinson, of Leonardsville, New York, praying for the extension of a patent granted to him the 20th July, 1843, for an improvement in "machines for cleaning streets," for seven years from the expiration of said patent, which takes place on the 20th day of July, 1857—

It is ordered that the said petition be heard at the Patent Office on Monday, the 6th of July next, at 12 o'clock, m.; and all persons are notified to appear and show cause, if any they have, why said petition ought not to be granted.

Persons opposing the extension are required to file in the Patent Office their objections, specially set forth in writing, at least twenty days before the day of hearing; all testimony filed by either party to be used at the said hearing must be taken and transmitted in accordance with the rules of the office, which will be furnished on application.

The testimony in the case will be closed on the 20th June; depositions, and other papers relied upon as testimony, must be filed in the office on or before the morning of that day; the arguments, if any, within ten days thereafter.

Ordered, also, that this notice be published in the Union, Intelligencer, and Evening Star, Washington, D. C.; Republican, Baltimore, Md.; Pennsylvanian, Philadelphia, Pa.; Daily News, New York, N. Y.; and Post, Boston, Mass., once a week for three successive weeks previous to the 20th of July next, the day of hearing.

CHARLES MASON,
Commissioner of Patents.

P. S.—Editors of the above papers will please copy, and send their bills to the Patent Office, with a paper containing this notice.

Ap 22—law3w

Navy Agent's Office,

Washington, D. C., April 20, 1857.

THE United States steamer Engineer will be sold at public auction at the United States navy-yard, Washington, at 12, m., on the 25th day of May, 1857, subject to ratification by the Navy Department.

The vessel was rebuilt at the United States navy-yard, Gosport, in 1848, being in length 108 feet, in breadth 17½ feet, and in depth 7 feet, measuring about 126 tons; has a beam engine, diameter of cylinder 25 inches, stroke of piston 7 feet, and an iron boiler. The vessel can be seen and the inventory examined on application to the commandant of the yard.

Terms cash. A. GREENLEAF,
April 21—law4w Navy Agent.

[No. 577.]

Notice

Of the Removal of the Land Office from Sault Ste. Marie to Marquette, in Michigan.

IN accordance with the provisions of the act of Congress, entitled "An act authorizing changes in the location of land offices," approved March 3, 1853, it is hereby declared and made known that the office for the sale of public lands at SAULT STE. MARIE, in the State of Michigan, will be removed to the town of MARQUETTE, in said State, *at as early a period as practicable.*

Further notice as to the precise time of removal will be issued by the register and receiver of the Sault Ste. Marie land office.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, this 19th day of March, A. D. 1857.

By order of the President:

THOS. A. HENDRICKS,
Commissioner of the General Land Office.
[Int. and Star.]

Mar 21—law6w

BANKING HOUSE OF CHUBB BROTHERS,
Washington, January 1, 1857.

JOHN D. BARROW and HENRY HOLMES are this day admitted as partners in the Banking House of Chubb Brothers. The firm from this date will be composed of Chas. St. J. Chubb, John D. Barrow, and Henry Holmes. The House in Davenport, Iowa, is composed of Charles St. J. Chubb, Wm. H. Dougal, and Alexander H. Barrow, under the firm of Chubb Brothers, Barrow, & Co. CHUBB BROTHERS,

Jan 1—dtf

NOTICE TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.—It being the intention of the board of directors of the Washington and Rockville Turnpike Company to gravel the road from the first toll-gate to its terminus at the District line, contractors are requested to address or apply to the undersigned on the subject on or before the 15th of April next. JOHN C. BRENT,
No 30 Louisiana avenue.
J. C. LEWIS,
492 Seventh street.

Feb 24—3tawtf

WATCH Repairing and Engraving.—Watches, chronometers, and pocket timekeepers of every description repaired by skillful workmen and warranted to perform accurately.

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Jan 30—tf

ST. JOSEPH'S ACADEMY FOR YOUNG LADIES, near Emmittsburg, Frederick county, Maryland.—The annual session of studies at this institution commences on the 24th August, and terminates on the last Thursday in June. The terms for board and tuition are $150 per annum, payable semi-annually in advance. There are extra charges for music, drawing, painting, and also for Spanish, Italian, German, and Latin. The terms for the primary department, composed of pupils under nine years of age, are $100 per annum, payable half-yearly in advance.

Letters of inquiry should be addressed to the MOTHER SUPERIOR of St. Joseph's Academy, Emmittsburg, Frederick county, Maryland.

July 8—d1year

TO LEASE, for a term of years, the mansion of the late General Towson, United States army. It contains all the modern improvements, as water works, furnace, gas, range, &c. Apply to J. B. H. SMITH, esq., at his office, on F street.

March 21—2wtf

COFFEE, FRUIT, &c.—70 bags green Rio coffee. Also, on consignment—
300 boxes oranges.
200 do lemons.
Just received and for sale by

March 21—co3tf MURRAY & SEMMES.

DR. M. V. B. BOGAN respectfully informs his friends and the public that he has removed his office and residence to No. 451 Massachusetts avenue, south side, between 6th and 7th streets, where he will be happy to receive the calls of his friends who may require his professional services.

March 19—eod4t*

DR. KANE REFRIGERATORS.—The subscriber has just received direct from the factory a large lot of the above superior refrigerators. They come very highly recommended by the best judges in the eastern cities, and are offered at the very lowest prices.

We have also in store other varieties of refrigerators, which will be warranted to give satisfaction in every particular, together with—
Patent ice pitchers
Patent butter coolers
Patent water coolers.

All of which are offered wholesale or retail at the lowest figures for cash or to prompt customers.

JOS. L. SAVAGE,
Sign of the Gilt Saw, Penn. av.,
Between Tenth and Eleventh streets.

March 25—d6tf

VALUABLE TRACT OF LAND in Iowa for Sale.—The undersigned offers for sale the S. W. fractional quarter of section 18, in township 73, north of range 5 west, in the State of Iowa. This land is fine, rich, rolling prairie, near the Shockley's branch of Crooked Creek. It lies close to the Burlington and Washington road, and is 30 miles from Burlington, 16 miles from Washington, 10 miles from Mount Pleasant and Columbus city, 6 miles from Crawfordsville, and 11 miles from the Plank road. Timber and stone abundant within 2½ miles; saw-mill 2 miles and grist-mill 6 miles distant. Neighborhood settled, with church and school privileges. A fine grove or building spot on the land.

CHAS. F. STANSBURY,
Patent Agent, 401 F street,
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April 14—co1w

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And a general assortment of all housekeeping goods always on hand, at lowest prices.

Every attention given to our customers.

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Ap 9—eod1mo

FREE BURNING COAL.—Just received one cargo free burning coal expressly for cooking.

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Ap 10—d2w

CHARLES KINGSLEY'S NEW BOOK.—Two Years Ago; by the Rev. Charles Kingsley, author of "Angus Leigh." $1 25.

The Americans in Japan, an abridgment of the government narrative of the United States expedition to Japan under Commodore Perry; by Robert Tomes. $1 25.

Things Not Generally Known, a popular hand-book of facts not readily accessible in literature, history, and science; edited by David A. Wells. $1 25.

Waverley Novels, household edition—Guy Mannering, 2 volumes. $1 50.

The World's Own; by Julia Ward Howe. 50 cents.

Poems by Charles Swain, 1 volume, blue and gold. 75 cents.

Longfellow's Prose Works, 2 vols., blue and gold. $1 75.

Isabel, The Young Wife and the Old Love; by John Cordy Jeaffreson. 75 cents.

Reading Without Tears, or a Pleasant Mode of Learning to Read; by the author of "Peep of Day." 50 cents.

The Child's Book of Nature; by Washington Hooker, M. D. $1 25.

Miss Strickland's Queens of Scotland, volume 6. $1.

Just published and for sale at

TAYLOR & MAURY'S
Bookstore, near 9th street.

April 21

W. J. BINGHAM & SONS' SELECT SCHOOL.—The fall session will commence July 15th. Number limited. None but good and docile boys wanted. Those ready to begin Latin grammar much preferred. Age and advancement of applicants desired. For terms, &c., address

W. J. BINGHAM,
Oaks, Orange county, N. C.

March 10—law3m*

The Organization of the Executive Departments of the Government of the United States.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

The whole machinery employed to conduct the business arising out of our foreign relations with all the powers of the world is far more simple than is generally conceived. The number employed in the Department of State of the United States is only seventeen, as follows: One Secretary of State, (Hon. Lewis Cass,) one Assistant Secretary of State, (Hon. John Appleton,) one chief clerk, twelve clerks, one translator, and one librarian.

Diplomatic Branch.—This branch of the State Department has charge of all correspondence between the department and other diplomatic agents of the United States abroad, and those of foreign powers accredited to this government. In it all diplomatic instructions sent from the department, and communications to commissioners under treaties of boundaries, &c., are prepared, copied, and recorded; and all of like character received are registered and filed, their contents being first entered in an analytic table or index.

Consular Branch.—This branch has charge of the correspondence, &c., between the department and the consuls and commercial agents of the United States. In it instructions to those officers, and answers to their despatches and to letters from other persons asking for consular agency, or relating to consular affairs, are prepared and recorded.

The Disbursing Agent.—He has charge of all correspondence and other matters connected with accounts relating to any fund with the disbursement of which the department is charged.

The Translator.—His duties are to furnish such translations as the department may require. He also records the commissions of consuls and vice consuls, when not in English, upon which exequaturs are issued.

Clerk of Appointments and Commissions.—He makes out and records commissions, letters of appointment, and nominations to the Senate; makes out and records exequaturs, and records, when in English, the commissions on which they are issued. Has charge of the library.

Clerk of the Rolls and Archives.—He takes charge of the rolls, or enrolled acts and resolutions of Congress, as they are received at the department from the President; prepares the authenticated copies thereof which are called for; prepares for, and superintends their publication, and that of treaties, in the newspapers and in book form; attends to their distribution throughout the United States, and that of all documents and publications in regard to which this duty is assigned to the department; writing and answering all letters connected therewith. Has charge of all Indian treaties, and business relating thereto.

Clerk of Authentications and Copyrights.—He has charge of the seals of the United States and of the department, and prepares and attaches certificates to papers presented for authentication; receives and accounts for the fees. Has charge of publications transmitted to the department under the laws relating to copyrights; records and indexes their titles; records all letters from the department, other than the diplomatic and consular.

Clerk of Pardons and Passports.—He prepares and records pardons and remissions; and registers and files the petitions and papers on which they are founded. Makes out and records passports; keeps a daily register of all letters, other than diplomatic and consular, received, and of the disposition made of them; prepares letters relating to this business.

ATTORNEY GENERAL'S OFFICE.

Hon. Jeremiah S. Black, Attorney General of the United States; R. H. Gillet, esq., chief clerk. The ordinary business of this office may be classified under the following heads:

1. Official opinions on the current business of the government, as called for by the President, by any head of department, or by the Solicitor of the Treasury.
2. Examination of the titles of all land purchased, as the sites of arsenals, custom-houses, light-houses, and all other public works of the United States.
3. Applications for pardons in all cases of conviction in the courts of the United States.
4. Applications for appointment in all the judicial and legal business of the government.
5. The conduct and argument of all suits in the Supreme Court of the United States in which the government is concerned.
6. The settlement of all claims arising in any of the departments when referred by the head thereof to the Attorney General.

To these ordinary heads of the business of the office are added at the present time the following, viz:

First. The direction of all appeals on land claims in California.

Second. The codification and revision of the laws of the District of Columbia.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Secretary of the Department of the Interior, Hon. Jacob Thompson, of the State of Mississippi. Its clerical force consists of one chief clerk, (Moses Kelly, esq.,) two disbursing clerks, and ten other regular clerks; and to its supervision and management are committed the following branches of the public service:

1st. *The Public Lands.* The chief of this bureau is called the Commissioner of the General Land Office. The Land Bureau is charged with the survey, management, and sale of the public domain, and the issuing of titles therefor, whether derived from confirmations of grants made by former governments by sales, donations, or grants for schools, military bounties, or public improvements, and likewise the revision of Virginia military bounty-land claims, and the issuing of scrip in lieu thereof. The Land Office, also, audits its own accounts. The present Commissioner is Hon. T. A. Hendricks, of Indiana. Its principal officers are a recorder, chief clerk, principal clerk of surveys, hookup draughtsman, assistant draughtsman, and some 150 clerks of various grades.

2d. *Pensions.*—The present head of this bureau is George C. Whiting, of Virginia. The commissioner is charged with the examination and adjudication of all claims arising under the various and numerous laws passed by Congress granting bounty land or pensions for the military or naval services in the revolutionary and subsequent wars in which the United States have been engaged. He has one chief clerk, (S. Cole, esq.,) and a permanent corps consisting of some seventy other clerks, to which Congress, to enable him to meet the extraordinary requirements of the new bounty-land law, has added a temporary force of about fifty clerkships of different denominations.

3d. *Indians.*—Commissioner of Indian Affairs *ad interim*, Charles E. Mix, of Georgetown, D. C. He is provided with a chief clerk and about fifteen other subordinate clerks.

4th. *Patent Office.*—To this bureau is committed the execution and performance of all acts and things touching and respecting the granting and issuing of patents for new and useful discoveries, inventions, and improvements; the collection of statistics relating to agriculture; the collection and distribution of seeds, plants, and cuttings. It has a chief clerk—who is by law the acting Commissioner of Patents in the absence of the Commissioner—twelve principal, and twelve assistant examiners of patents, some dozen subordinate permanent clerks, besides a considerable number of temporary employees.

Besides these four principal branches of this new executive department, the organic act of 1849 transferred to it from the Treasury Department the supervision of the accounts of the United States marshals and attorneys, and the clerks of the United States courts, the management of the lead and other mines of the United States, and the affairs of the penitentiary of the United States in the District of Columbia; and from the State Department the duty of taking and returning the censuses of the United States, and of supervising and directing the acts of the Commissioner of Public Buildings. The hospital for the insane of the army and navy and of the District of Columbia is also under the management of this department; in addition to which, by laws recently passed, the Secretary of the Interior is charged with the construction of the three wagon roads leading to the Pacific coast.

The department requires an additional building for its accommodation, and the erection of one has been repeatedly recommended during the last five years for that purpose. At present the Pension Office is provided with rooms in what is known as "Winder's Building," while the other branches of the department, including the Secretary's office, are all crowded into the Patent Office building, the whole of which will be required at an early day for the use of the Patent Office, for which it was originally intended.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

The Treasury Department consists of the offices of the Secretary of the Treasury, two comptrollers, commissioner of the customs, six auditors, treasurer, register, solicitor, light-house board, and coast survey.

The following is a brief indication of the duties of these several offices, and of the force employed therein, respectively:

Secretary's Office.—Hon. Howell Cobb, Secretary of the Treasury; Hon. Philip Clayton, Assistant Secretary; one engineer in charge; one architect, and three draughtsmen temporarily employed, and twenty-three clerks. The Secretary of the Treasury is charged with the general supervision of the fiscal transactions of the government, and of the execution of the laws concerning the commerce and navigation of the United States. He superintends the survey of the coast, the light-house establishment, the marine hospitals of the United States, and the construction of certain public buildings for custom-houses and other purposes.

First Comptroller's Office.—Hon. William Medill, Comptroller, and fifteen clerks. He prescribes the mode of keeping and rendering accounts for the civil and diplomatic service, as well as the public lands, and revises and certifies the balances arising thereon.

Second Comptroller's Office.—John M. Brodhead, esq., Comptroller, and seventeen clerks. He prescribes the mode of keeping and rendering the accounts of the army, navy, and Indian departments of the public service, and revises and certifies the balances arising thereon.

Office of Commissioner of the Customs.—Hugh J. Anderson, esq., Commissioner, and eleven clerks. He prescribes the mode of keeping and rendering the accounts of the customs revenue and disbursements, and for the building and repairing custom-houses, &c., and revises and certifies the balances arising thereon.

First Auditor's Office.—Thomas L. Smith, esq., First Auditor, and nineteen clerks. He receives and adjusts the accounts of the customs revenue and disbursements, appropriations and expenditures on account of the civil list and under private acts of Congress, and reports the balances to the Commissioner of the Customs and the First Comptroller, respectively, for their decision thereon.

Second Auditor's Office.—Thomas J. D. Fuller, Second Auditor, and twenty-one clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts relating to the pay, clothing, and recruiting of the army, as well as armories, arsenals, and ordnance, and all accounts relating to the Indian department, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Third Auditor's Office.—Robert J. Atkinson, esq., Third Auditor, and seventy-eight clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for subsistence of the army, fortifications, Military Academy, military roads, and the Quartermaster's department, as well as for pensions, claims arising from military services previous to 1816, and for horses and other property lost in the military service, under various acts of Congress, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Fourth Auditor's Office.—Aaron O. Dayton, esq., Fourth Auditor, and sixteen clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for the service of the Navy Department, and reports the balances to the Second Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Fifth Auditor's Office.—Murray McConnel, esq., Fifth Auditor, and six clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts for diplomatic and similar services performed under the direction of the State Department, and reports the balances to the First Comptroller for his decision thereon.

Sixth Auditor's Office.—William F. Phillips, esq., Sixth Auditor, and one hundred and one clerks. He receives and adjusts all accounts arising from the service of the Post Office Department. His decisions are final, unless an appeal be taken in twelve months to the First Comptroller; and he superintends the collection of all debts due the Post Office Department.

Treasurer's Office.—Samuel Casey, esq., Treasurer, and thirteen clerks. He receives and keeps the moneys of the United States in his own office, and that of the depositories created by the act of the 6th of August, 1846, and pays out the same upon warrants drawn by the Secretary of the Treasury, countersigned by the First Comptroller, and upon warrants drawn by the Postmaster General, and