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DEPARTMENT NEWS.

STATE DEPARTMENT.

Loss of the American Ship Cathedral.—The following communication, relative to the loss of the American ship Cathedral, has been received at the Department of State from the United States consul at Arica:

CONSULATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,
Arica, March 21, 1857.

SIR: I have the honor of calling your attention to the following case of the kind assistance of the captain of a British vessel extended towards the shipwrecked seamen of the ship Cathedral, of Boston, which vessel foundered off Cape Horn on the 18th February last:

The Cathedral left Philadelphia on the 5th December, 1856, and after having enjoyed fair weather until the date of the wreck, on that day encountered a terrific storm, in which she went down. Thirty-five of her crew were rescued by the British barque "Ann Pitcairn Sharp," of Maryport, England, captain and owner Richard Greaves Sharp, who received them on board his vessel, and treated them with the greatest kindness while on board. At their own request transferred, when off Valparaiso, twenty-seven of their number to the British barque Brumo, bound for that place, and brought the remainder, eight in number, to this place, as you will see from the enclosed hastily-prepared list.

I regret exceedingly that the Sharp having arrived here only the day before yesterday, and having been much occupied in attending to the unfortunate seamen, time has been wanting to prepare copies of the documents in regard to this case, but I shall have the honor to send them by next mail.

I cannot, however, neglect stating that all the rescued speak in the highest terms of the kindness of Captain Sharp. At the risk of damage to his own vessel, he laid by them until he had received all the survivors on board, and he then furnished them, in their condition of utter destitution, with all they required and finally brought them to Arica.

I have the honor to remain, sir, your most obedient servant,

JOHN J. LANSING,
United States Consul at Arica.

To the Hon. SECRETARY OF STATE of the United States.

List of Lost and Saved of the American Ship "Cathedral."

Lost.—Captain Wm. H. Howard, Boston, Massachusetts; Dr. C. W. Kirkendil, Wenton, Nova Scotia; stewardess, Ann K. Flaherty, St. John's, New Brunswick; seaman, Daniel Sullivan, Ireland; seaman, Benjamin Davis, Bristol, England; ordinary, John Graham, Germantown, Pennsylvania; cabin boy, Samuel B. Dull, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; boy, Philip Kock, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, lost in the boat; boy, John Delany, New York—total, 9.

Saved.—A. R. Clark, chief officer, Boston, Massachusetts; Isaac Best, second officer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; D. J. Caxe, third officer, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Reuben R. Derrott, fourth officer, Boston, Massachusetts; Daniel Draine, carpenter, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Wm. Standish, steward, Boston, Massachusetts; Jacob Williams Reed, England; William Cooke, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Seamen—Alexander Savage; William Reillis; Joseph Harding, Liverpool; Edward Whitney, Liverpool; Geo. Price, Plymouth; James Walker; James Parker, Dublin, Ireland; Richard Jackson, Greenock, Scotland; James Brunett, Canandaigua, New York; Thomas Allen, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Carlos Dupré, Stockholm, Sweden; Archibald Campbell, Bristol, England; Thomas Remeris, Island of Guernsy, England; Peter Enfield, L'Orient, France; Wm. Abbot, Greenock, Scotland; James Brown, England; John Pendir, Dublin, Ireland; James Dempsey, C. R.

Ordinary seamen—Carlos Julius, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; George Brunett, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Boys—John Carroll, Liverpool; James Rossiler, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Olfred Bonita, Kingston, Jamaica; Peter Boyd, Glasgow, Scotland; Stephen Fitzsummons, Liverpool.

Second cook—Wm. H. Gordon, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Passenger—Frank G. Galligin, Germany.

Total saved, 35.

Came on to Arica—A. R. Clarke, D. J. Coxe, R. Herrott, Daniel Draine, Wm. Abbot, Reuben Jackson, Peter Boyd.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT.

Notice to Mariners.—Billingsgate Harbor, Cape Cod Bay, Massachusetts.—Notice is hereby given that a temporary stake light will be placed on the south point of Billingsgate island, one-half mile north of the site of the old light.

The stake will be twenty-five feet high, painted white, and the illuminating apparatus a large lens lantern, showing a *fixed white light*. It will be exhibited on the night of May 20th, and thereafter until further notice.

A nun buoy, of the 3d class, painted black, and numbered "2," will be placed on the point of Billingsgate Island shoal, in twelve feet water at low tide.

A notice will be published at the time of exhibiting this light, and correct magnetic bearings from this buoy given.

By order of the Light-house Board:

C. H. B. CALDWELL,
Light-house Inspector Second District.

BOSTON, April 27, 1857.

Harding's Ledge, Boston Bay, Mass.—Notice is hereby given that the nun buoy is removed from Harding's ledge, off Boston harbor, and, in its stead, a large bell buoy has been placed, until the bell boat is repaired and ready to be stationed off the ledge.

The bell buoy is a can, painted black, surmounted by a bell weighing 700 pounds, over which there is fitted a hoop-iron day mark, three feet in diameter, elevated 15 feet above the level of the sea.

By order of the Light-house Board:

C. H. B. CALDWELL,
L. H. Inspector Second District.

BOSTON, April 27, 1857.

A Temporary Light-Ship at the Entrance of the Mutlah.—Official information has been received at this office, through the Department of State, that a light-vessel has been temporarily stationed at the entrance of the river Mutlah, in the following position, viz: In latitude 21° 6 north, longitude 88° 48' east, nearly, in 10 fathoms low-water spring tides, about seven miles southeast of the Outer or Bulcherry Reef Buoy.

2d. This new floating-light will hoist a red flag at the main-mast head by day, and exhibit a clear white light from sunset to sunrise, and in addition to this she will, if she continues in her position, fire a rocket at 8, p. m., at midnight, and at 4 a. m., from the 15th of March until the 16th of October.

3d. For the present a pilot brig will show the light.

By order of the Light-House Board:

THORNTON A. JENKINS,
Secretary.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Office Light-House Board, Washington, April 27, 1857.

INTERIOR DEPARTMENT.

Delaware Trust Lands.—Hartford T. Clarke having notified the department that he had, on the 14th day of April last, settled upon and made claim to all that portion of unoccupied Delaware trust lands adjoining the city of Leavenworth, in the county of Leavenworth, Kansas Territory, the Commissioner of Indian Affairs, by direction of the Secretary of the Interior, in a letter of instructions to the mayor of Leavenworth City, decided such action on the part of Mr. Clarke to be an assumption which cannot, and will not, be tolerated by the department. The tract of land described is a part of the city itself, and consists in part of a piece of ground or public square set apart for public uses, and in part of streets adjoining the same. The very map to which reference is made shows that these lands were reserved for the use and benefit of the public, and every person who purchased a lot of ground in the city thereby acquired an interest in all the grounds set apart on the map or plat of the city for public purposes, whether they were designated as public squares, esplanades, parks, avenues, streets, or alleys. Such grounds belong to the public, the public have a right to use them, and any one who shall obstruct such use commits a nuisance.

In conclusion, the commissioner assures the mayor that the department will never countenance any such rapacious spirit as is manifested in this act of Mr. Clarke.

NAVY DEPARTMENT.

The Crew of the Highflyer.—The Navy Department has reason to believe that the crew of the Highflyer, wrecked on the coast of Formosa, have been murdered.

Instructions have just been issued to the East India squadron to proceed thither and make a thorough investigation.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

The Baton Rouge Gazette has seen an original letter from George Washington to the president of a meeting held in 1795, in South Carolina, approving some bill just passed by Congress; also the original letter addressed by General Jackson to his friend and second, General Overton, in the duel with Dickinson. He tells General O. he will either wipe out the slanders with the blood of Dickinson or fall himself—no compromise can be listened to—the time early as possible. The General used very strong language. It will be recollected that the duel was fought at twenty-four paces. Dickinson's ball severely wounded the General, and D. fell mortally wounded. The gentleman who has the letter proposes soon to give it to the public, with other documents.

A private letter speaking of the recent disastrous fire at Apalachicola, Florida, says: "We had a fire last week, and yesterday it broke out in the Union Warehouse, and swept away half of the town. We don't know how it started. Between seven and eight thousand bales of cotton were burnt, and three lives were lost. Mr. Orman lost a boy fifteen years old; his heart was found and a part of his bones. A white boy was in the building when it fell and was crushed; and a white man running between two stores was killed by the falling of the walls."

The Wheeling Argus of the 2d instant says that a serious accident occurred Wednesday morning on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad near Harper's Ferry. The accommodation train going east ran over a couple of gypsy women at Duffield station, breaking the legs of both, and otherwise seriously injuring them. They were observed on the track, but at the time the train was descending a heavy grade, and, although every effort was made to check its progress, it proved of no avail.

There were thirty-two fires in the United States last month, according to telegraphic and newspaper reports, occasioning a loss, in the aggregate, (all losses less than $10,000 excluded,) of $1,520,000. The largest fire was in Baltimore, the loss amounting to $340,000; a fire at Marietta, Georgia, destroyed $125,000; and others at North Adams, Massachusetts, and at Atlanta, Georgia, each $100,000.

The Memphis Appeal states that a serious accident occurred on the 29th ult., on the Memphis and Charleston railroad, between Moscow and Wolf river bridge, by the collision of the regular freight and an accommodation trains. Both locomotives and six or seven freight cars were smashed up. Mr. Lynch, brother of one of the engineers, received injuries which caused his death.

The circuit court of Portland, Maine, in a suit brought by Enoch L. Childs against the Sommerset and Kennebeck Railroad Company to recover a claim for extra work under a contract to build certain bridges, decided that there was due the plaintiff $20,760 31—thereby affirming that the contract had been faithfully performed by him, and that there was a large amount due for extra work.

The Albany Knickerbocker states that James A. Hughes, confined in the penitentiary of New York, a desperate character, stabbed David Olmstead, his keeper, on the 1st inst., in the back with a shoe knife. An incision one inch in depth was made just under the shoulder blade on the left side of the spine. With careful attention the doctors say Mr. Olmstead will survive.

A remarkable case of existence under privation of food is spoken of in the Rochester papers. Mr. John Ellis, of Henrietta, who made an attempt upon his life by cutting his throat some weeks since, has not been able to take nourishment for twenty-seven days. He suffers little pain and but slight diminution of strength. He communicates with his family by means of a slate and pencil.

The Hartford Times learns that, although yesterday was the first day of May, the snow was five feet deep in the northwest part of Norfolk, and travel was still much impeded, while in New Marlboro', near the Massachusetts line, the snow is six feet deep.

A most atrocious murder was committed on the 1st instant about two miles above McKeesport, and twenty miles above Pittsburg, by which an old man named George Wilson and his sister, Elizabeth McMasters, were ushered into the presence of their Maker. A niece of Mr. Wilson, named Charlotte Jones, has been arrested, together with two men named Fife and Stuart, charged with the commission of the horrible crime.

The New York Commercial Advertiser says that on Thursday morning the dead body of a young and beautiful woman, apparently about twenty years of age, was found lying in a ploughed field at Hampton, about five miles north of Newburgh. There are marks of violence upon various parts of her person, and it is supposed that she has been murdered.

The mayor and aldermen of Charleston reached Memphis on the 30th ult. They were received by the committee of reception, and conducted to the council chamber, where they were met most cordially by the city authorities. There is every reason to believe that the railroad jubilee will be largely attended.

The New Albany Ledger is informed by a practical and extensive fruit-grower in Lawrence county that there will be an abundance of fruit this year, of not only apples, both late and early, but peaches, quinces, apricots, pears, nectarines, &c.

Judge Tappan died in Steubenville, at the residence of his son, on Monday, April 20, in the 84th year of his age. He was among the oldest citizens of Steubenville, and filled many important stations, both national and State, having been a resident of Ohio since 1799.

M. Emile de Girardin is occupying the leisure allowed him by his retreat from journalism in writing a comedy entitled *La Fille du Millionnaire*. Like Ponsard, young Dumas, Barriere, and the others who have recently made money, he cannot find anything but the "almighty dollar" to moralize upon, satirize, and—*pocket*.

The United States sloop-of-war Saratoga, of the home squadron, seven days from Key West, arrived in Hampton Roads on Wednesday evening. She was towed up Friday afternoon by the steamer Water Witch, which also towed down the sloop-of-war Dale, bound for the African station.

About 300 artisans are now employed at the government armory at Harper's Ferry in the manufacture of what is styled the rifle-musket and the rifle. These are both newly-improved arms, and in all respects far superior to those recently in our service.

The Louisville Courier is informed by intelligent farmers in Henry and Owen counties that the crops in that section are highly promising. There will be plenty of fruit, wheat looks well, and as the ground is generally in better order and condition than it has been for years, a heavy yield of everything is anticipated.

J. D. Williams proposes to publish in the city of Montgomery, or Wetumpka, Alabama, a monthly periodical to be called the African Advocate and Southern Expositor of American Slavery, provided he can obtain one thousand subscribers at $2 per annum, in advance.

The Norfolk Herald announces the death of James Hunter Godwin, esq., a wealthy farmer and most excellent citizen of Nansemond county, Virginia.

The flour and grain receipts at Oswego since the opening of navigation to the 1st of May are 30,000 barrels of flour, 197,200 bushels of wheat, 10,600 bushels of rye, and 5,600 bushels of barley.

The Ohio river at Pittsburg continues in fine order, with seven feet two inches of water in the channel.

A Richmond exchange states that the hucksters of that city have recently been taxed by that State in the sum of $20, in consequence of selling on commission fruits of foreign growth.

The board of health of Norfolk have selected the old naval anchorage, just inside of Craney island, for their quarantine ground. It is about four miles and a half below Norfolk; and lower down the river than the quarantine ground of the last season.

Mrs. Sarah Ann Vass, residing on the plank road some seven miles from Fredericksburg, Virginia, committed suicide by cutting her throat with a razor on Thursday night last.

The New Orleans Picayune says that the prompt manner in which the absconding defaulter Oxnard was made to disgorge his plunder has given a great deal of satisfaction in that city.

There is no doubt that the ship seen on fire by the ship Swordfish, a few days since, was the Robert Parker, from Mobile, bound to Havre.

The stock of pork at Louisville is estimated at 15,000 barrels. The amount on hand at this time last year was 41,000 barrels.

The Iowa Hawk Eye states that there has been received into the county treasury from the sale of swamp lands about $17,000.

E. T. Nichols, who has been confined in the Cleveland (Ohio) jail on a charge of perjury, escaped from the sheriff one day last week.

The Carrollton (Miss.) Democrat states that the two negro men—Dare and Beverly—charged and convicted of murdering Mr. William D. Hale, were sentenced to be hung on the 15th proximo.

The Memphis Bulletin of the 28th ultimo announces the death on Sunday last of the mayor of that city, Thos. B. Carroll.

The late legislature of Maine has restored the old law requiring the publication of intentions of marriage.

LOCAL NEWS.

THE CITY COUNCILS.—In the common council a considerable number of bills were introduced and acts passed for the improvement of streets and so on. A message was received from the mayor, transmitting a copy of the corporation account with the Bank of Washington up to 27th ultimo. A bill was introduced making an additional appropriation of $2,000 out of the general fund for the improvement of the Washington canal. A bill was also passed making an appropriation for the payment of the increased salaries of the public school teachers and sub-assistants up to the 30th of June proximo.

A communication was received from the mayor enclosing the report of the commissioners of the Washington Asylum, and referred to the committee on ways and means.

A bill making an appropriation for repairing the apparatus of the Franklin Fire Company was passed; also, one for relieving the Perseverance Company; and one for lot and building for the American Hook and Ladder Company.

A joint resolution was passed instructing the corporation attorney to take an appeal from the decision of the circuit court in the case of Parker *vs.* the corporation.

The most interesting feature in the proceedings of this board was the presentation of the report of a special committee previously appointed to ascertain to whom had been awarded the contract for building the wall along Tiber creek.

This report complains of the mayor for withholding from the committee a copy of said contract, and for being generally unamiable towards said committee, and asks the interposition of the board in the matter. The report gave rise to a long and animated discussion, in which most of the members participated. A motion to publish the report was lost by one vote.

A resolution was passed requesting the president of the board to call on the mayor for the customary annual financial report, which seems to be omitted in the pamphlet of corporation laws just published.

COURT OF CLAIMS YESTERDAY.—Henry Webster, esq., of Baltimore, was appointed a commissioner of the court.

Adverse opinions were delivered—by Judge Gilchrist, in the case of Eliza Shaffer; by Judge Blackford, in the case of Abraham Boileau, administrator; by Judge Scarburg, in the case of Daniel Van Winkle; by Judge Gilchrist, in the case of J. C. Buckles; by Judge Blackford, in the case of Nathaniel Williams; by Judge Scarburg, in the case of David Noble; by Judge Gilchrist, in the case of E. B. Chamberlain; by Judge Blackford, in the case of Thomas R. Gidney; by Judge Scarburg, in the cases of George W. Dow and John H. Ditmas; by Judge Gilchrist, in the case of Ezra T. Marnay, administrator; by Judge Scarburg, in the case of Stephen C. Hayden; by Judge Gilchrist, in the case of Jeremiah M. Williams; by Judge Blackford, in the case of Joseph Loranger; by Judge Scarburg, in the case of Tiffany, Young, & Ellis. Judge Blackford delivered the opinion of the court in the case of McMcIntosh, ordering a favorable opinion to be reported to Congress. Ten cases have been set for Wednesday next, the 6th instant, as follows:

No. 43. Israel Ketcham. No. 47. Samuel F. Holbrook. No. 50. Lydia Cruger, administratrix. No. 58. James Kearney. No. 60. Lydia R. Shreve. No. 61. Joseph Ratcliff. No. 63. Christiana Dener. No. 65. John S. Develin. No. 66. Joseph Clymer. No. 74. Rufus L. Baker.

The court adjourned till 11 o'clock this morning.

THE NATIONAL HOTEL DISEASE.—A meeting of the merchants will be held this evening, at 8 o'clock, at the corner of Tenth street and Pennsylvania avenue, for the purpose of considering the origin of the fearful disease which visited the National Hotel the past season. This is well; and we hope that there will not only be a large attendance of merchants, but of all classes of our citizens; for it is high time, indeed, that this matter should be probed to the bottom, when the whole country is filled with rumors of poisoning, and when each day but adds to the general belief in their truth. Such horrible suspicions should not be allowed to gain credence without the most thorough, searching investigation, and the initiatory steps for such an investigation, we fully believe, will be taken this evening.

In the Board of Aldermen yesterday afternoon a bill was reported from the committee on health appropriating $2,000 to secure the services of two scientific persons to ferret out the cause of this disease, but after an animated discussion it was withdrawn. Since the board of aldermen have failed to adopt the plan above suggested, let a sufficient sum of money be subscribed by our citizens tonight, and let the services of men of science be secured. Thus will the public mind be eased, knowing full well that the truth will soon be made known.

ORDWAY'S ÆOLIANS.—The Ordway Ethiopian minstrels of Boston gave their opening concert last night. Odd Fellows' Hall was well filled, although there were not as many ladies present as we expected to see, owing, no doubt, to the unpleasantness of the weather. The troupe certainly appeared to advantage in their black coats and pants, white vests, and woolly heads, and their entire performance was highly artistic. We have never heard better music, and it has been a long time since we were so completely convulsed with side-splitting laughter. In short, the Ordway Æolians are just what they have been represented to be, and our citizens need no longer complain (and we feel assured that they will not) of a want of entertainment during the present intolerably dull evenings.

"Listen to the Mocking Bird," by "Billy Morris," was the feature of the evening; and throughout the entire performance the audience evinced their approval in hearty rounds of applause. The second concert will take place this evening.

THE WHITE HOUSE PAVILION.—This celebrated place of resort during the summer season was visited last week by several parties, who were highly gratified with the polite attention of the new lessee, Mr. B. Schad, of this city, and the increased accommodations which the admirable arrangement and thorough repair of the entire establishment have enabled him to bestow upon his guests. Mr. Schad will be prepared, on the shortest notice, to supply parties or families who wish to spend a day with him with all the delicacies of the season. We predict that the White House, under the new management, will increase in popularity with our citizens.

LECTURE.—Professor Piggott, of Baltimore, will deliver the fifth lecture of the course before the Washington Art Association, at their gallery, H, near Thirteenth street, on Wednesday evening, the 6th instant. The subject of his lecture is "Art and its Critics." The public are invited. Professor Piggott is a gentleman of eminent scientific attainments, of literary and classic taste, and an eloquent lecturer; and therefore, we doubt not, he will attract a large auditory.

THE NATIONAL MUSICAL ASSOCIATION.—The convention of the National Musical Association met yesterday morning in the lecture-room of the Smithsonian Institution. The attendance was large. The president of the association called the convention to order, and introduced Prof. George F. Root as musical director. The entire morning was spent in practice, during which a number of familiar tunes were sung. The convention took a recess till 7½ o'clock.

FIRE.—A fire broke out on Sunday morning, between six and seven o'clock, in the upper-story of a brick dwelling on G street, opposite the Patent Office, the property of Mr. Shanks. In consequence of the prompt aid rendered by the firemen, the building was saved. Mr. Jos. Walling, a member of the Metropolitan Hook and Ladder Company, was slightly injured by a piece of slate which fell from the roof.

DEATH OF A CLERK.—Mr. Charles Soran, a clerk in the office of the Third Auditor, died in this city on Saturday afternoon, in the forty-ninth year of his age. He was a native of Baltimore, and was endeared to many friends by his generous and social qualities. At one time he was connected with the press, and was known both as a prose writer and a poet.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Four Days Late from Europe.—Arrival of the Indian.

QUEBEC, May 4—The steamer Indian, with Liverpool dates to the 23d ult., arrived here to-day. She left Liverpool on the morning of the 23d. The Hermann left Bremen on the 4th, but grounded in the river near Wadderwaden, where she remained at last accounts. The steamer Leopold first was detained at Antwerp in consequence of an accident.

There is no political news of a hostile character.

The English journals classify the House of Commons as follows: For Palmerston, 265; Derbyites, 227; reformers, 110; liberals and conservatives, 53.

The French government have resolved to adopt the English system of transporting criminals.

The Grand Duke Constantine was received at Toulon with the usual honors.

Accounts from the French manufacturing districts are unsatisfactory. There has been a considerable decline in breadstuffs, owing in a measure to the large stock of wheat. Reports from the growing crops are most favorable.

The Mexican difficulty presents a fair chance of a pacific arrangement.

The four powers have drawn up a protocol, presenting terms between Switzerland and Prussia. They disclaim any intention of attempting to enforce it; but if refused will do all they can to prevent hostilities.

The Russian fort of Salish has been captured by the Circassians and the garrison murdered.

COMMERCIAL.

The markets are generally unchanged. Cotton was dull and quiet; quotations were barely maintained—sales three days 18,000 bales, including 1,000 to speculators and 3,500 for export. Orleans middling, 7¾d.; Mobile middling, 7⅝d.; Uplands middling, 7¾d. Flour was quiet and unchanged. Canal, 28s. a 30s.; Ohio, 30s. Wheat closed with an advancing tendency. Red, 7⅞s. a 8¼s.; white, 8⅞s. a 9s. Corn had advanced 1s. Mixed, 31½s.; yellow, 32s. a 32½s.; white, 34s. a 35s.

Provisions were steady.

Spirits turpentine, 40½s. Rosin, 4⅝s.

The weather was favorable for the crops.

Money was slightly more stringent. Consols for money 93d.

The Telegraph Lines South, &c.

PHILADELPHIA, May 4.—Both the National and Atlantic telegraphs to New Orleans have been down since Friday. This morning, however, the National line is working, and we have New Orleans dates of Saturday. They, however, contain nothing important except commercial reports:

NEW ORLEANS—Friday.—Cotton is unchanged. Middling, 14 cents. Sales to-day of 2,000 bales; of the week, 19,000. Receipts of the week, 8,500 bales. Stock in port, 160,000. Receipts less than during the same week last year, 1,000. Receipts at all ports less than last year, 451,000 bales.

Flour has an advancing tendency. Yellow corn, 75 cents; white corn, 80 cents. Coffee is steady.

Saturday.—Sales of cotton, 1,000 bales; receipts today, 1,000 bales; prices are unchanged. New Orleans middling, 14 cents. Ohio flour, $6 87½. Coffee is quiet—sales 1,100 bags; stock in port, 81,000 bags; Rio, 11¼ cents.

Indian Movements in Iowa.

ST. LOUIS, May 4.—The Democrat contains advices from Fort Desmoines, Iowa, to the 27th ult., stating that from five to six hundred Sioux Indians crossed the Desmoines river in the neighborhood of Fort Dodge on Saturday. Fears are entertained that it had been attacked, as the force at the fort was insufficient to repel such a body of Indians. Companies were organizing to go to the assistance of the fort. Several families had taken refuge at Fort Desmoines, and the greatest consternation prevailed in the neighborhood.

The Railroad Difficulty.

BALTIMORE, May 4—p. m.—The railroad difficulty is not settled, but there is a prospect of a speedy settlement. Several military companies started out this afternoon, but returned about 9 o'clock unmolested.

The New York Police.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Judge Roosevelt's injunction against the new police commissioners has been dissolved, leaving the commissioners at liberty to proceed to business.

Fire in Norfolk.

NORFOLK, May 4.—The stables belonging to Harper & Parker, and a ten-pin alley belonging to Capt. Guy, were entirely destroyed yesterday morning. Seven horses were burned. Loss, $4,000. No insurance.

Markets.

NEW YORK, May 4.—Cotton is quiet—sales of 1,000 bales. Flour is firm—sales of 8,500 bbls.; State, $6 a $6 15; southern, $7 a $7 50. Wheat is firm—sales are nominal, buyers demanding a reduction. Corn is firm—sales of 8,000 bushels; quotations are nominal, and holders demand an advance. Pork is firm; mess, $23 50. Beef is unchanged; Chicago repacked, $16 25. Lard is steady at 14¼ cents. Whiskey is firm at 28½ cents for Ohio. Coffee is firm; Rio, 10 a 11¾ cents. Sugar is firm; Cuba Muscovado, 9½ a 11 cents. Spirits turpentine is buoyant at 48½ cents. Rosin is firm at $1 90 a $1 95. Rice is quiet at 4½ a 5¾ cents. Freights are firmer.

OFFICIAL.

James Buchanan, President of the United States of America, to all whom it may concern:

Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me that Carl C. Schottler has been appointed consul of Hanover at Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, I do hereby recognise him as such, and declare him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers, and privileges as are allowed to the consuls of the most favored nations in the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, the 2d day of May, A. D. 1857, and of the independence of the United States of America the eighty-first.

[L. S.]

JAMES BUCHANAN.

By the President:

LEWIS CASS, Secretary of State.

James Buchanan, President of the United States of America, to all whom it may concern:

Satisfactory evidence having been exhibited to me that Gregorio Dominguez has been appointed consul of the republic of Ecuador for the city of New York, I do hereby recognise him as such, and declare him free to exercise and enjoy such functions, powers, and privileges as are allowed to the consuls of the most favored nations in the United States.

In testimony whereof, I have caused these letters to be made patent, and the seal of the United States to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the city of Washington, the 24 day of May, [L. S.] A. D. 1857, and of the independence of the United States of America the eighty-first.

JAMES BUCHANAN.

By the President:

LEWIS CASS, Secretary of State.

☞THIRD WARD.—A meeting of the voters of the Third Ward opposed to know-nothingism will be held in "Coombs's Hall," Pennsylvania avenue, between 9th and 10th streets, on Wednesday evening, May 6th, at 8 o'clock, to nominate candidates for the boards of aldermen and common council, and to appoint delegates to the convention to nominate candidates for register, collector, and surveyor. A full attendance of the voters of the ward is earnestly requested.

☞COLLECTOR OF TAXES.—James F. Haliday is a candidate for this office.
Ap 25—dtf

☞The name of our fellow-citizen, Nicholas Callan, is respectfully submitted to the municipal convention and the voters of the city as a gentleman possessing every necessary capacity to fill the office of tax collector.
Ap 25†

☞The semi-annual communication of the M. W. Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons of the District of Columbia will be held on Tuesday, May 5, 1857, at 4, p. m.

The officers of the Grand Lodge are respectfully requested to be punctual in their attendance, and all brothers in good standing are cordially invited.

By order of the M. W. Grand Master:

G. A. SCHWARZMAN,
Grand Secretary.

May 2—d

HEADQUARTERS VOLUNTEERS, 1ST REG'T 3D BRIG. M. D. C.,
Washington, May 4, 1857.

The Brigadier General having, as required by law, appointed the hour of ten o'clock, a. m., on the fourth Monday, being the 25th day, of this month as the time, and the usual parade ground at the City Hall as the place, of master for the exercise and inspection of this year, the companies composing the battalions of this regiment will assemble at the said time and place, according to law. The officers of the regiment will, therefore, according to their rank and position, give the proper notices to their respective commands, and appear with them on parade, as above directed.

By order of Colonel Hickey:

H. N. OBER, Adjutant.

ENGLISH AND AMERICAN Table Cutlery, Albata Forks, Spoons, &c.—We offer a large assortment of Rogers's, Harrison's, and other approved English as well as American table cutlery.

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M. W. GALT & BRO., Jewellers,
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Proposals for Stationery.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT, May 4, 1857.

SEALED PROPOSALS for furnishing the stationery required by this department during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1858, will be received until 12 o'clock, m., on the 30th day of June next. Those unaccompanied by satisfactory testimonials of ability to fulfil the contract will not be considered, and contracts will only be awarded to established manufacturers of or dealers in the articles.

All the articles must be of the very best quality of their kind, and samples, as hereinafter specified, must accompany each bid. The samples of the party to whom the contract may be awarded will be paid for by the department; the others will be returned to the respective bidders.

No bid will be considered unless the articles accompanying it are of the very best quality, and suited to the wants of the department.

Each proposal must be signed by the individual or firm making it, and must specify a price, and but one price, for each and every article contained in the schedule.

All the articles furnished will be required to be like the samples submitted, which will be retained for comparison, and delivered without delay when ordered to the satisfaction of the head of the office for which they are required.

The department reserves the right of ordering a greater or less quantity of each and every article contracted for, as the public service may require.

Supplying an inferior article at any time will be deemed sufficient cause forthwith to annul the contract.

Bonds, with approved security, to be given by the persons contracting; and in case of a failure to supply the articles required, the contractor and sureties shall be liable for the forfeiture specified in such bond as liquidated damages.

The subjoined list specifies, as nearly as can now be done, the amount, quality, and description of each of the kinds of articles required.

CLASS No. 1.—*Paper.*

Item 1. 100 reams folio post, satin finish, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the very best quality
2. 150 reams white-cap paper hand-made, satin finish, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the very best quality
3. 50 reams white-cap paper, hand-made, satin finished, of the very best quality
4. 20 reams white-cap paper, machine-made, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the best quality
5. 10 reams white-cap paper, plain, hand-made, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the best quality
6. 10 reams plain cap paper, white, machine-made, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the best quality
7. 20 reams cap paper, blue laid, hand-made, faint-lined, garden pattern, commonly known as despatch or consular paper, of the very best quality
8. 20 reams white law-cap paper, satin finish, heavy, hand-made, faint-lined, and trimmed, of the very best quality
9. 500 reams quarto post, hand-made, white, highly glazed, and hard calendered, faint-lined on three sides, and of the very best quality
10. 100 reams quarto post, machine-made, white, plain, faint-lined on three sides, of the best quality
11. 20 reams quarto post, hand-made, white, highly glazed, and hard calendered, faint-lined four sides, and of the very best quality
12. 28 reams quarto post, French, faint-lined three sides, of the very best quality
13. 50 reams white vellum-note paper, highly glazed, hard calendered, faint-lined, gilt-edged on three sides, of the very best quality
14. 50 reams white laid note paper, gilt-edged, highly glazed, and hard calendered, of the very best quality
15. 30 reams heavy hand-made white medium paper, for books, of the very best quality
16. 20 reams heavy hand-made white royal paper, for books, of the very best quality
17. 20 reams heavy hand-made white super-royal paper, for books, of the very best quality
18. 100 reams copying paper of the very best quality, color, and style
19. 50 reams heavy highly-glazed and hard-calendered envelope paper, royal, yellow, or buff, of the very best quality
20. 50 reams heavy envelope paper, super-royal, hard calendered and highly glazed, yellow or buff, of the very best quality
21. 50 reams large brown envelope paper of the best quality, strong and well made
22. 30 reams royal blotting paper of the very best quality, style, and color.

Each item of the above class must be accompanied with a sample of half a ream, or one package, when not packed in half reams, and the bids must state the price per ream delivered at the department.

CLASS 2.—*Envelopes.*

Item 1. 500 adhesive envelopes, white, yellow, or buff-colored, heavy, smooth, and thick, with full pockets, official sizes, of the three following sizes: 8½ by 3½, 9 by 4, and 10 by 4 inches; price to be named for each size of the best quality that is made
2. 100 full-pocket adhesive envelopes, of the proper size for quarto paper, white, yellow, or buff, heavy, smooth, and thick, of the very best quality.
3. 100 full-pocket adhesive envelopes, of the proper size for the note paper, white, yellow, or buff, heavy, smooth, and thick, of the very best quality.

Each color of each item of the above class must be accompanied by a sample of one package, and the price must be stated for each size and color. They must all be made adhesive, and gummed a proper distance each side of the centre lappels, with full pockets, and the lower lappels well and securely gummed to the pocket.

CLASS 3.—*Pens.*

Item 1. 10 dozen gold pens of the best kind and quality manufactured
2. 10 dozen gold pens in silver cases, with ever-pointed pencils of the best kind and quality manufactured
3. 300 dozen cards Perry's best metallic pens, price to be per dozen cards
4. 500 dozen steel pens of the best makers and quality
5. 50 dozen platina pens
7. 50 dozen albata pens
8. 20 m quills of the very best quality
9. 20 dozen bronze imitation quill pens.

For all the items of class 3, except item 3, in the above class, the bidder is not restricted to a particular manufacture, but samples of different makers, with the price of each, may be submitted, and the department will select which it deems the best, the price, quality, and fitness for the service being all considered.

CLASS No. 4.—*Pencils.*

Item 1. 500 dozen Faber's best black lead pencils, Nos. 1, 2, and 3
2. 300 dozen of the best quality of black lead pencils without reference to the maker's name
3. 30 dozen red and blue lead pencils of the best quality
4. 20 dozen ivory propelling pencils, of Mears, or others of like quality, with box of lead for each.

One dozen of each kind of class 4 must be submitted as samples.

CLASS 5.—*Ink, Ink Stands, and Wafers.*

Item 1. 12 dozen Fry's improved patent American inkstand
2. 12 dozen cast-iron inkstands
3. 12 dozen red inkstands with ground glass stoppers
4. 20 gallons best ink, the department to have the choice of the maker
5. 300 quart bottles of the best copying ink, sample bottle to be submitted, of the best quality made
6. 300 quart bottles of the best black ink
7. 5 gallons best red ink, the department to have the choice of the market
8. 100 bottles best blue ink, sample to be submitted
9. 300 bottles carmine ink, French, small size, in glass bottles, with ground-glass stoppers
10. 1,000 large red wafers for department seal
11. 100 pounds wafers, common size, best quality, red
12. 100 pounds best extra superfine scarlet sealing-wax.

For all the articles in class 5 suitable and convenient samples must be submitted, with price attached to each.

CLASS 6.—*Cutlery and Miscellaneous Articles.*

Item 1. 20 dozen Rodgers's & Sons, or equal, genuine spring erasers with ivory handles
2. 50 dozen Rodgers's & Sons, or equal, four-bladed knives, with stag and pearl handles
3. 12 dozen ivory-handled wafer stamps
4. 6 dozen large office shears of the very best quality
5. 6 dozen office scissors of the very best quality
6. 100 spools of the best quality of red linen tape
7. 100 dozen of the best quality of red linen tape
8. 50 dozen silk tape of assorted colors, in hanks
9. 6 dozen ivory pounce boxes
10. 6 dozen lignumvitæ pounce boxes
11. 6 dozen cocoa or box and sand boxes of the best shape and quality
12. 6 dozen cocoa or box and wafer boxes of the best shape and quality
13. 50 pounds prepared India rubber, of suitable sizes
14. 200 quarts black sand
15. 50 ounces pounce
16. 200 pounds strong linen twine
17. 12 dozen round rulers, assorted
18. 12 dozen flat rulers, assorted
19. 20 dozen 9-inch ivory folders
20. 50 dozen rosewood pen-holders
21. 50 dozen elastic pen holders
22. 50 dozen barrel pen-holders
23. 50 dozen pen-holders, assorted
24. 50 boxes small eylets, French
25. 25 boxes large eylets, French
26. 10 dozen steel-tipped pen handles.

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Statement of the receipts and expenditures of the United States for the quarter ending March 31st, 1857, exclusive of treasury notes funded and trust funds.

RECEIPTS.

From customs		$19,055,328 55
" sales of public lands		1,065,640 11
" incidental and miscellaneous sources		366,734 29
		20,487,702 95

EXPENDITURES.

Civil, foreign intercourse, and miscellaneous			$7,397,762 04
Interior (pensions and Indian)			1,771,626 82
War			4,484,620 99
Navy			2,928,503 95
Redemption of stock loan of 1842		$97,125 00	