CITY INTELLIGENCE

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THE CHESNUT STREET CONFLAGRATION.—Crowds of persons visited the scene of the conflagration at Sixth and Chesnut streets, yesterday and this morning, to view the ruins. Nos. 603 and 605, the four-story brown-stone store, owned and occupied by Messrs. Rockhill & Wilson as a clothing house, was badly damaged in the upper part, and the whole structure was deluged with water. The stock was principally removed, and was thereby somewhat injured. The loss is estimated at fifty thousand dollars. The building is insured in the Fire Association, Hand-in-Hand, Pennsylvania, and other city companies. The stock is insured as follows:—

Charter Oak	$10 000
Ætna, Hartford	5,800
Reliance	5 800
Enterprise	5,800
William W. Allen & Co	10,000
Providence, R. I.	5,000
	$42,400

No. 600 Chesnut street, owned by Amoor Hollingsworth, who resides in New England, was considerably damaged in the upper part, and had the roof destroyed. It was saved from destruction by the iron doors which connected it with No. 607. The building is insured as follows:—

Ætna	$16,000
Springfield	6,000
North America	6,000
	$28,000

The basement was occupied as a concert saloon. The first floor was occupied by Perry & Co. as a clothing store. The stock escaped pretty well, although considerably damaged by water. It was valued at $60,000, and is insured as follows:—

Croton	$5000
Manhatan	5000
Metropolitan	5000
Albany City	5000
Norwich	5000
Lorillard	10,000
Fulton	10,000
Total	$45,000

SUNDAY SCHOOL FESTIVALS.—The Sunday School of the Tabernacle Baptist Church held its festival on Monday evening. The exercises commenced at seven o'clock, when a beautifully appropriate address was made by Rev. G. A. Peltz, Pastor of the Church, after which the pupils, nearly five hundred in number, engaged in singing, for the correct execution of which this school has been so well trained by the assistant superintendent, J. M. Evans, Esq. The school-room was tastefully decorated with evergreens and appropriate inscriptions, and after partaking of an inviting entertainment the scholars separated.

The Robert Raikes Sunday School held their festival yesterday, at the Mechanics' Institute, Fifth street, below Washington. The tables were bountifully supplied with pound cake, apples, and cornucopias filled with candies and other delicacies, in addition to which ice cream was furnished in great abundance. During the afternoon addresses were made by Rev. Dr. Brainerd, Rev. Mr. Toland, and Mr. Scott. A similar demonstration was held by the Lutheran Sunday School, in Christian street, near Sixth.

OPERATIONS OF A SWINDLER.—Yesterday afternoon an individual known as James Burns, alias George Wilson, was taken into custody upon the charge of having robbed and swindled a number of persons who, through sympathy, had endeavored to befriend him. A short time since Mrs. Hardy, of the firm of Hardy & Garnall, dry goods dealers, met the defendant; he told Mrs. Hardy a very touching and apparently truthful story in regard to his circumstances, and so gained the sympathy of Mrs. Hardy that she became responsible for his board, and eventually gave him a situation at six dollars a week. In return for the kindness of the firm, he robbed them of hosiery, jewelry, chenille sleeves, etc., and left, keeping out of the way for several weeks. He was also identified by Mr. George Kevin, of the firm of Thomas Webb & Co., grocers, as having obtained from them a lot of groceries, under the pretense that they were for a lady customer on Eighth street.

PRESBYTERY OF PHILADELPHIA.—This Presbytery, the oldest in the United States, from which the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church originated, held its stated quarterly meeting yesterday, in the West Spruce Street Church. A petition was received for the organization of a new church at Media. Interesting statements were given concerning the prospects of the proposed church, and the importance of occupying this inviting field; after which the Rev. Dr. Breed, Rev. Messrs. Dale and Sproull, and Mr. John Cochran were appointed a committee to organize a church according to the prayer of the petitioners, as soon as the way be clear. A new church enterprise has also been undertaken by the Presbytery in West Philadelphia. A valuable lot has been secured, and a temporary building is now in progress for the use of the congregation until a church can be erected.

RAILROAD IMPROVEMENT.—The Reading Railroad Company contemplate placing *four tracks* on their road, two for passengers and two for freight. They have now three tracks over a good portion of the road. The company has recently made valuable purchases of property at Bridgeport, opposite Norristown, at Conshohocken, Pottstown, and other way stations, with the intention of erecting large passenger and freight depots at these points. Very heavy purchases of real estate have been made in Reading, and the erection of very extensive shops is now in progress and in part completed. When all the shops are completed they will extend a full mile in length. It will require not less than two years to complete this great improvement. Upon the line there are several tunnels, two or three of them of an extent as to incur an immense amount of labor and time.

CASES AT THE CENTRAL STATION.—On Monday the Mayor received the annual report of Alderman Beitler, who hears the cases at the Central Station. During 1865 2042 cases were disposed of, being an increase of 70 over the year 1864. The amount received for fines, penalties and costs was $1007·50, of which amount $7·50 was paid over to the City Treasurer. Of the cases disposed of; 748 were for vagrancy and drunkenness; 356 for larceny and attempts; 238 for assault and battery; 118 misdemeanors; 48 false pretenses; 43 for burglary and attempts; 39 for conspiracy; 22 for rioting; 28 for receiving stolen goods; 6 for murder and infanticide; 59 for larceny and picking pockets.

THE NEW DIRECTORY.—It is very important that we should have a correct and complete Directory of Philadelphia. Indeed, it is of more importance, especially to business people, than many have the faintest idea of. The publisher should employ canvassers in every ward or district who are residents there, and who will hence have some knowledge of the community in which they are appointed to operate. In some instances heretofore they have been totally ignorant of the people among whom their duties lay, and depend mainly upon children and servants for their information.

A PRIVATE THEATRE.—A private theatre, in Seventeenth street, near Chesnut, promises to be as much a favorite this winter as it was last. The performers at this novel resort are all ladies and gentlemen of the *haut ton*, and the proceeds are always given to some benevolent purpose. The admission is not open to the public, and one can only get in through some friend belonging to the party, though all have to pay well. The theatre is an old church refitted very handsomely.

A "PROFESSIONAL" COMMITTED.—George W. Kern was committed under the ninety day law yesterday afternoon. The prisoner was arrested at an early hour in the morning, standing with a group of persons at Sixth and Chesnut streets, while the fire in that locality was raging. Several officers testified that the prisoner bore the character of a professional thief.

SUICIDE.—Samuel H. Sherron, aged 45 years, committed suicide yesterday at his late residence, No. 13 Letitia street, by taking a dose of laudanum.

THE BOARD OF SURVEYORS.—The Board of Surveyors met on Monday for organization. The new members are Charles S. Closes, Second District; William Albertson, Seventh District; John H. Levering, Eighth District. A sewer was authorized to be constructed on Nineteenth street, from Pennsylvania avenue to Green. The rules which governed the old Board were adopted for the government of the new. The meetings will be held on the first and third Mondays of each month, as before.

DEATHS AT THE HOSPITAL.—Henry King, injured by the explosion of a shell at the Penn Treaty Iron Works, died at the Hospital. An inquest will be held this afternoon. John McKenna, injured on the 27th ult. by the explosion of a blast in West Philadelphia, also died on Monday. The Coroner will hold an inquest to-morrow. John O'Kane, injured on the 23d ult. by being thrown from a wagon at Fourth and Coates, died on Monday.

BREWERS' ASSOCIATION.—The annual meeting of the Brewers' Association of the State of Pennsylvania took place last evening, Frederick Collins, Esq., in the Chair, Wilson Abbott, Esq., Secretary. The gentlemen holding office were re-elected. During the evening a number of toasts were drunk, and speeches appropriate to the occasion were made. The company separated at a late hour.

RECEIVING STOLEN GOODS.—Catharine Merryless had a hearing yesterday afternoon, charged with receiving stolen goods. The residences of Mr. Montgomery and Mr. McDonald, both back of No. 1441 Shippen street, had been entered and robbed of a large quantity of clothing, and some of the stolen property was offered in pledge by the accused. She was bound over to answer.

MARKET RENTS.—The Commissioner of Markets is now engaged in receiving rents for stalls belonging to the city, for 1866.

AMUSEMENTS.

ASSEMBLY BUILDINGS,
TENTH AND CHESNUT STREETS.

FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY,
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY,
FOR ONE NIGHT ONLY,

FRIDAY EVENING, January 5, 1866,
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MR. STEPHEN MASSETT,

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"JEEMES PIPES OF PIPESVILLE,"
"JEEMES PIPES OF PIPESVILLE,"
"JEEMES PIPES OF PIPESVILLE,"

In his celebrated Serio-Comic Monologue,

DRIFTING ABOUT;
OR, SKETCHES OF TRAVELS IN MANY LANDS,

In which he will introduce the two Great Sensational Poems (originally recited by him),

THE VAGABONDS, AND BEAUTIFUL SNOW.

Also, his wonderful IMITATIONS of ANNA BISHOP and EDWIN FORREST.
RECOLLECT, for ONE NIGHT only.
ADMISSION, FIFTY CENTS.

N. B. The above will be given under the auspices of the PRESS CLUB OF PHILADELPHIA, and is the Eighth of the Course.

Tickets can be had at Trumpler's Seventh and Chesnut streets; Kromer's Great Agency, No. 403 Chesnut street; and at the Office of the "Evening Programme," No. 431 Chesnut street.

Doors open at 7; commence at 8. 1 3 3t

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC.

LEONARD GROVER.....DIRECTOR

THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, January 3,
FOR THE ONLY TIME MOST POSITIVELY,
and first time in Philadelphia in several years, of Verdi's famous and very popular Opera,
IL POLIUTO,
IL POLIUTO,
WITH THE
GRAND CAST
which attained for the Opera this season at the New York Academy its most wonderful success.

Poliuto.....Signora Carrozzi Zucchi
(Her very celebrated triple role.)
Polinto.....Sig. B. Massamiliani
(His first appearance this season.)
Severus.....Signor Ardavani
(His first appearance this season.)
Calisthenus.....Signor Barilli
Nearous.....Herr Reichardt
Conductor.....Signor Torriani
Priests, Religiosos, Lictors,
by the Ladies and Gentlemen of
THE GRAND CHORUS.

ACT I.
Vault of the Catacombs of Melitines.
ACT II.
Apartments in the Palace Paolina.
Temple of Jupiter.
ACT III.
Street of the Victories Melatines.

PRICES OF ADMISSION AND SEATS.
Tickets of Admission, ONE DOLLAR AND FIFTY CENTS.
Secured seats Fifty Cents extra
Seats may be secured during the day at the Academy of Music, and at Trumpler's Music Store, corner Seventh and Chesnut streets.
Family Circle.....50 cts.
Amphitheatre.....25 cts.
Tickets may be purchased at either office during the day.

TO-MORROW, THURSDAY, JANUARY 4
First time in this city, and only time positively during the season, of Auber's Grand Comic Opera,
FRA DIAVOLO!
with the new Recitatives written for the Italian stage by its composer.
FRIDAY, only time of ERNANI.
SATURDAY, L'AFRICAINE
Seats may be secured for any night of the week.

NEW CHESNUT STREET THEATRE.—CHESNUT Street, above Twelfth.
LEONARD GROVER & WILLIAM E. SINN, Lessees and Managers.
OVERWHELMING SUCCESS!
HOUSES FILLED TO OVERFLOWING NIGHTLY!
THIS EVENING,
the Grand Spectacular Extravaganza,
THE SLEEPING BEAUTY,
with its TRANSFORMATION SCENE, will be presented.
MISS JOSIE ORTON
AS THE
SLEEPING BEAUTY.
This beautiful Burlesque will be presented with its
NEW AND GORGEOUS SCENERY,
BY RICHARD SMITH.
New and costly Properties, Costumes, Mechanical Effects, Original Music, etc. etc.
THE CAST
embraces the following popular names:—Miss Josie Orton, Miss Annie Ward, Miss Cordelia Cappelle Mrs. Chapman, Miss L. Cooper, Mrs. E. F. Keach, Walter Lennox, W. A. Chapman, F. Foster, J. T. Ward, and others.
The evening's performance will conclude with the Original Petit Comedy, by B. E. Woolf, Esq., entitled
CAUGHT AT LAST
In which Miss Josie Orton, Walter Lennox, Mr. G. H. Clarke, and others will appear.
Doors open at 1 o'clock; commence at 2¼ o'clock.
SATURDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 6,
EIGHTIETH GRAND FAMILY MATINEE,
when the
SLEEPING BEAUTY
will be performed.

MRS. JOHN DREW'S NEW ARCH STREET THEATRE.
A HAPPY NEW YEAR.
SECOND WEEK OF LOST IN LONDON.
MRS. JOHN DREW AS "NELLY ARMROYD."
The Piece already endorsed by over fifteen thousand persons in Six Nights.
THIS EVENING,
with new Scenery, by Hawthorne
LOST IN LONDON.
MRS. JOHN DREW AS "NELLY ARMROYD."
Act First—Lancashire.
Act Second—London.
Act Third—Exterior of Featherston's Villa.
Act Fourth—Dining Hall in Featherston's Villa.
Act Fifth—Interior of Job's Cottage.
The performance concludes each evening at half-past 10 o'clock.
FRIDAY, BENEFIT OF MRS. JOHN DREW.
Seats secured six days in advance.

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.—N. E. corner NINTH and WALNUT Streets. Begins 7½.
MOST BRILLIANT SUCCESS
of the Great Spectacular Legendary Drama of
FAUST AND MARGUERITE.
LAST NIGHT BUT THREE OF
MR. J. B. ROBERTS,
in his singularly characteristic impersonation of
MEPHISTOPHELES,
Third Night of the Glorious Comedy Farce of
SAM'S LITTLE GAME.
THIS (Wednesday) EVENING, January 3,
FAUST AND MARGUERITE
Mephistopheles.....Mr. J. B. ROBERTS
Marguerite.....Miss Annie Graham
To conclude with the Comic Farce of
SAM'S LITTLE GAME.
Samuel Shingsby.....Mr. BARTON HILL
Mrs. Larkins.....Miss Annie Graham
FRIDAY, BENEFIT OF MR BARTON HILL.

NEW AMERICAN THEATRE—GRAND NATIONAL CIRCUS.—WALNUT Street, above Eighth.
EVERY EVENING,
STAR EQUESTRIAN TROUPE,
And the Glorious Success of Pantomime of
OLD DAME TROT AND HER COMICAL CAT.
OLD DAME TROT AND HER COMICAL CAT.
GRAND FAMILY MATINEE
On Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday Afternoons.
Admission—Matinee, 50 cents to all parts of the Theatre; Children, half price.

AMUSEMENTS.

RISLEY'S CONTINENTAL NEWS EXCHANGE.
Choice Seats to all places of Amusement may be had up to 6½ o'clock any evening. 1 31 ly

CHOICE SEATS AND ADMISSIONS.—Tickets can be had at
PROGRAMME OFFICE,
No 431 CHESNUT Street, opposite the Post Office, for the Chesnut, Arch, Walnut, and Academy of Music, up to 6 o'clock, every evening. 9 18 tf

CONCERT HALL.
MAGIC, MUSIC, AND MYSTERY.

In consequence of his great success with the public on Monday evening,

Mr. Robert Heller,

"THE CAGLIOSTRO OF THE NINETEENTH CENTURY,"

Announces his
THIRD SOIREE DIABOLIQUE AND MUSICALE,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, January 3.
On this occasion he will perform the same Programme which has already excited so
GREAT SENSATION
Among the lovers of
THE WONDERFUL AND ENCHANTING
In the City of Philadelphia.

PART I—MAGIC.
PART II—MUSIC.
PART III.—MYSTERY.

The Piano used upon the occasion will be the magnificent Steinway Grand Piano Forte sent expressly from New York for Mr. Heller's use at these entertainments.
Admission, 50 cents. Reserved Seats 75 cents.
Seats may be secured, three days in advance, at Chas. W. A. Trumpler's Music Store. Ticket office open every day from 9 till 4.
First Grand Matinee, SATURDAY, January 6, at 2½ o'clock.

NEW PHILADELPHIA MUSEUM, No. 833 MARKET Street.
The Manager takes pleasure in announcing that this fashionable place of resort has been entirely remodelled, decorated, and painted. A beautiful Lecture Room has been fitted up at an expense of $3000 for the purpose of furnishing instructive and innocent entertainment, suitable for families and children.
At the solicitation of many citizens the world-renowned
SIAMESE TWINS AND CHILDREN
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will be on exhibition for a short time only, to give every one an opportunity of seeing them previous to their retirement from public exhibition.
In connection with the wonderful
AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN,
AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN,
AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN,
AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN,
AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN,
AUSTRALIAN CHILDREN,
Who are evidently of a Cannibal Race, judging from their natural proclivities, their long sharp teeth, etc.; perhaps the only specimen from that country now living. Their heads are the smallest and most curiously shaped ever seen on human beings in this country.
Also,
THE IOWA GIANTESS,
THE IOWA GIANTESS,
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THE IOWA GIANTESS,
THE IOWA GIANTESS,
Weighing five hundred and eighty-three pounds.
A LIVE DOUBLE-HEADED CALF.
A LIVE DOUBLE HEADED CALF.
A LIVE SEAL
ANACONDAS,
MONKEYS,
BIRDS,
and 10,000 Natural Curiosities, forming altogether one of the most attractive exhibitions ever presented to the public.
Admission to the whole, 25 cents. Children, 25 cents.
Open daily, from 9 o'clock A. M. till 10 o'clock P. M.
1 1 6t H. F. INGALLS, Proprietor.

SIGNOR PERELLI'S AMATEUR
ITALIAN OPERA SEASON
OF TEN NIGHTS,
Commences in CONCERT HALL in January next.
SUBSCRIPTION LIST
Open at Mr. PERELLI'S Rooms, No. 1228 CHESNUT Street, from 2½ to 4 P. M. daily. 12 15 ws

ACADEMY OF FINE ARTS, CHESNUT Street, above Tenth.
Open from 9 A. M. till 6 P. M.
Benjamin West's great Picture of
CHRIST REJECTED.
Still on exhibition.

GERMANIA ORCHESTRA.—PUBLIC REHEARSALS every SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT MUSICAL FUND HALL, 3½ o'clock. Engagements made by addressing GEORGE BASTERT, Agent, No. 1231 MONTEREY street, between Race and Vine. 10 16 3m

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE OF THE DEPOT QUARTERMASTER,
FORT LEAVENWORTH, KANSAS,
December 19, 1865.

PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock on the 31st day of January, 1866, for the Transportation of Military Supplies during the year 1866, on the following routes:—

ROUTE No. 1.—From Forts Leavenworth, Laramie, and Riley, and other depots that may be established during the above year on the west bank of the Missouri river, north of Fort Leavenworth and south of latitude 42 degrees north, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in the Territories of Nebraska, Dacotah, Idaho, and Utah, south of latitude 44 degrees north, and east of longitude 114 degrees west; and in the Territory of Colorado north of 40 degrees north. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from April to September inclusive, of the year 1866.

ROUTE No. 2.—From Forts Leavenworth and Riley, in the State of Kansas, and the town of Kansas, in the State of Missouri, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in the State of Kansas, or in the Territory of Colorado, south of latitude 40 degrees north, drawing supplies from Fort Leavenworth; and to Fort Union, N. M., or other depot that may be designated in that Territory, to Fort Garland, and to any other point or points on the route. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from April to September inclusive, of the year 1866.

ROUTE No. 3.—From Fort Union or such other depot as may be established in the Territory of New Mexico, to any posts or stations that are or may be established in that Territory, and to such posts or stations as may be designated in the Territory of Arizona and State of Texas, west of longitude 105 degrees west. Bidders to state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport said stores in each of the months from June to November inclusive, of the year 1866.

The weight to be transported each year will not exceed 10,000,000 pounds on Route No. 1, 15,000,000 pounds on Route No. 2, and 6,000,000 pounds on Route No. 3

No additional or other compensation will be paid for the transportation of bacon, lard, bread, pine lumber, shingles, or any other stores.

Bidders should give their names in full, as well as their places of residence, and each proposal should be accompanied by a bond in the sum of ten thousand dollars, signed by two or more responsible persons, guaranteeing that, in case a contract is awarded for the route mentioned in the proposal to the parties proposing, the contract will be accepted and entered into, and good and sufficient security furnished by said parties, in accordance with the terms of this advertisement.

The amount of bonds required from the contractors will be as follows:—

On Route No. 1.....$100,000
" " 2.....200,000
" " 3.....60,000

Satisfactory evidence of the loyalty and solvency of each bidder and person offered as security will be required.

Proposals must be indorsed:—
"Proposals for Army Transportation on Route No. '1,' '2' or '3'" as the case may be, and none will be entertained unless they fully comply with all the requirements of this advertisement.

Parties to whom awards are made must be prepared to execute contracts at once, and to give the required bonds for the faithful performance of the same.

Contracts will be made subject to the approval of the Quartermaster-General; but the right is reserved to reject any or all bids that may be offered.

Contractors must be in readiness for service by the 1st day of April, 1866 and they will be required to have a place of business or agency at or in the vicinity of Forts Leavenworth and Union, and other depots that may be established, at which they may be communicated with promptly and readily.

By order of the Quartermaster General:
J. A. POTTER,
12 22 23t Colonel and Chief Quartermaster.

GOVERNMENT SALES.

ANTHRACITE COAL FOR THE NAVY.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF EQUIPMENT AND RECRUITING,
December 29, 1865.

Sealed Proposals for furnishing Anthracite Coal for the Navy, to be delivered during the balance of the fiscal year ending 30th June, 1866, will be received at this Bureau until 10 o'clock A. M., 23d January, 1866.

These proposals must be endorsed "Proposals for Anthracite Coal for Steamers," that they may be distinguished from other business letters.

The offer must be for the delivery of 6000 tons, of 2240 pounds.

The coal must be of the best Buck Mountain or Black Heath, or of a kind equal to them in all respects, for the purpose intended, which equality will be determined by a Board appointed by the Secretary of the Navy after the reception of the bids.

The name of the coal proposed to be furnished must be stated in the offer.

It is to be delivered in lumps of suitable size for naval steamers, clean, of uniform quality, selected free from impurities, unmixed, of which the contractor will be required to furnish such evidence as will be satisfactory, and be subject to such inspection as to quality and quantity as the Department may direct. The coal must, in all respects, be satisfactory to the inspector or inspectors to be appointed by the bureau, who will have the right of peremptory rejection.

The coal is to be delivered on board vessels, at such place in the port of New York as may be designated by the Bureau, and in such quantities and at such times as, in the opinion of the Bureau, the exigencies of the service may require; commencing when the vessel is reported ready to receive cargo; furnishing, if demanded, not less than 1000 tons per day, to be distributed to each vessel, as may be directed, until the loading is completed.

In the case of failure to deliver the coal in proper quantity, of the proper quality, and at the proper time and place, the Bureau will reserve in the contract the right to purchase forthwith, at the contractor's risk and expense, that which may seem necessary to supply the deficiency.

Any demurrage or other charges to which the Navy Department may be subjected from delay in the prompt delivery of the coal by the contractors will be deducted from their bills.

The price must be for the coal delivered on board vessels, on the terms and conditions above stated, at the contractor's risk and expense, and without extra charge of any kind.

The offer, as required by law, must be accompanied by a written guarantee, signed by one or more responsible persons, to the effect that they undertake that the bidder or bidders will, if his or their bid be accepted, enter into obligation, at such time as may be prescribed by the Bureau, with good and sufficient securities, to furnish the supplies proposed.

No proposition will be considered unless accompanied by such guarantee; and the Department reserves the right to reject all the offers, if considered to be to the interest of the service to do so.

Two or more sureties each in a sum equal to the amount specified to be paid will be required to sign the contract, and their responsibility will be certified by a United States District Judge, United States District Attorney, Collector, or Navy Agent.

As additional and collateral security, twenty per cent. will be withheld from the amount of all payments, which reservation is not to be paid, except by authority of the Secretary of the Navy, until the contract shall have been in all respects complied with; and the remaining eighty per cent. or other amount that may be due upon each bill, will, when a proper certificate is furnished by the inspector, and the bill approved by the Bureau, be paid by such navy agents as the contractor may name, within ten days after the warrants for the same shall have been passed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

It will be stipulated in the contract that if default be made in the delivery of the coal—in the quantity or the quality, and at the place and time directed by the Bureau—then, and in that case, the contractor and his sureties will forfeit and pay to the United States, as liquidated damages, a sum of money not exceeding twice the contract price, which may be recovered from time to time, according to the act or acts of Congress in that case provided.

Bidders whose proposals shall be accepted, and none other, will be notified, and, as early as practicable, a contract will be transmitted to them, which they will be required to execute within ten days after its receipt at the post-office or navy agency named by them.

The form of offer, guarantee, and certificate is herewith given:—

FORM OF OFFER.

I (or we), of ——, State of ——, hereby agree to furnish and deliver —— thousand tons of —— anthracite coal for steamers' use, at ——, at the rate of —— per ton of 2240 pounds, amounting to —— dollars, the whole in conformity with the provisions and terms of the advertisement of the 29th day of December, 1865, from the Navy Department, and hereunto appended.

Should my (or our) offer be accepted, I (or we) request to be informed at ——, and that the contract may be forwarded to —— for signatures and certificates.

(Place.) (Signed) A. B.
(Date.)

FORM OF GUARANTEE.

We, the undersigned residents of ——, in the State of ——, and of ——, in the State of ——, here by jointly and severally covenant with the United States, and guarantee that in case the foregoing bid of —— be accepted, —— will, within ten days after the receipt of the contract at ——, execute the same, with good and sufficient sureties for the delivery of the anthracite coal proposed, in compliance with the terms of the advertisement of the 29th December, 1865, hereto appended, and under which it was made; and in case the said —— shall fail to enter into the contract aforesaid, we guarantee to make good the difference between the offer of the said ——, and that which may be accepted.

Witness, (Signed), C. D.
(Place) E. F.
(Date)

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors, —— and —— are good and sufficient.

(Signed), G. H.

To be signed by the United States District Judge, United States District Attorney, Collector, or Navy Agent. 12 26 1t&t

OFFICE COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE,
IN GENERAL CHARGE OF SUBSISTENCE DEPOT, IN DEPARTMENTS OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA, RICHMOND, Va.,
December 26, 1865.

SALE OF HARD BREAD.

Sealed proposals, in duplicate, will be received at this office daily, and opened on WEDNESDAYS and SATURDAYS of each week, for all the SURPLUS HARD BREAD in the State of North Carolina, stored in depots at Newbern and Morehead City, N. C.

The Bread is in boxes of fifty (50) pounds each, and in good shipping order.

All purchases will be delivered on board of transports without expense to the purchaser.

No proposals received for less than twenty (20) boxes, one thousand (1000) pounds.

Payment required on delivery of the bread in Government funds.

Proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for Hard Bread," and addressed to
THOMAS C. SULLIVAN,
Brevet Major and C. S., U. S. A.,
12 28 Richmond, Va.

FINE
OPERA GLASSES.
A VERY LARGE VARIETY.
JAMES W. QUEEN & CO.,
12 21 No. 924 CHESNUT STREET.

BENNETT'S
FANCY BAZAAR
AND DEPOT FOR
PARIS NOVELTIES
AND
SPECIALITIES,
No. 20 N. EIGHTH STREET
WEST SIDE,
11 28 ABOVE MARKET

GEORGE PLOWMAN,
CARPENTER AND BUILDER,
No. 232 CARTER STREET
And No. 141 DOCK STREET.
Machine Work and Millwrighting promptly attended to. 9 14 m

GOVERNMENT SALES.

SALE OF SERVICEABLE QUARTERMASTER STORES.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
DEPOT OF WASHINGTON,
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 1, 1866.

Will be sold at Public Auction, under the direction of Brevet Colonel C. H. Tompkins, Quartermaster at LINCOLN DEPOT, Washington, D. C., on TUESDAY, January 23, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., a large lot of QUARTERMASTER'S STORES, consisting of Iron Boilers, Sweat Collars, Horse Covers, Hose Carriage, Hammers, Hay Knives, Fire Hose, Neck Straps and Chains, Travelling-forges, Limbers, Branding Irons, Irons, Iron Picket Posts, etc.

The Stores must be removed within five days from date of sale.

Terms—Cash, in Government funds.

D. H. RUCKER,
Bvt. Maj.-Gen. and Chief Quartermaster,
1 3 1t Depot of Washington.

PUBLIC SALE
AT THE FRANKFORD ARSENAL,
PHILADELPHIA,
ON ACCOUNT OF THE UNITED STATES.
On THURSDAY MORNING, January 18, 1866,
at 11 o'clock,
will be sold at Public Sale,
GUNPOWDER, BY SAMPLE, VIZ.:—

19,656 pounds United States Powder mixed, badly caked.
9900 pounds United States Cannon Powder, badly caked.
4900 pounds United States Mortar Powder, dirty and caked.
4001 pounds United States Powder, good mixed grain.
87,403 pounds Confederate States Powder, good mixed grain.
4167 pounds Confederate States Powder, badly damaged.

This Powder is stored at Fort Delaware.

Samples may be seen at the Watertown, Watertown, and Frankford Arsenals, and at the United States Agency, No. 45 Worth Street, New York.

When the interest of the Government may require it, the powder will be bid in.

Terms, United States currency.

S. V. BENET,
12 19 ws&t Bvt. Lt.-Col. U. S. A. Commanding.

AUCTION SALE OF SERVICEABLE AND DAMAGED HOSPITAL PROPERTY.
C. W. BOTELER, JR., Auctioneer.
MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 30, 1865.

Will be sold at Judiciary Square Warehouses, corner FIFTH and E Streets, on THURSDAY MORNING, January 4, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., a large quantity of serviceable and damaged Hospital Property, consisting of—

Blankets, Sheets, 5000 Hair Pillows, Counterpanes, Bedsacks, Sairts, Drawers, Pillow-Ticks, Towels, Plates, Mugs, Pitchers, Dishes, Clocks, Leather Buckets, Mess Chests, Wooden Bedsteads, Chairs, Bedside Tables, Platform Scales, and four Printing Presses.

Property must be paid for and removed within forty-eight hours from termination of sale.

C. SUTHERLAND,
1 1 3t Surgeon U. S. A., Med. Purveyor.

SALE OF SURPLUS GOVERNMENT MULES, ALL GOOD AND SERVICEABLE.
OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER,
WILMINGTON, Del., January 2, 1866.

Will be sold at public auction, at Wilmington, Delaware, on
Friday, the 5th of January.
Friday, the 12th of January.
Friday, the 19th of January.
Friday, the 26th of January.
Four hundred good and serviceable mules.
One hundred on each day of sale.

The particular attention of purchasers is called to the excellent quality of these mules, being of good size, in good condition, kind and gentle, and well broke to harness, being the surplus team mules of Washington Depot.

Animals sold singly.
Sale to commence at 10 A. M.
Terms—Cash, in United States currency.
By order of Brevet Brigadier-General James A. Ekin, in charge First Division Q. M. G. O.
C. H. GALLAGHER,
1 3 20t Captain and A. Q. M.

MARSHAL'S SALES.

MARSHAL'S SALE.—BY VIRTUE OF A writ of sale by the Hon. John Cadwalader, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, to me directed, will be sold at public sale, to the highest and best bidder, for cash, on the premises, S. E. corner of BROAD and WALLACE Streets, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of January, A. D. 1866, at 12 o'clock M.:—

85 barrels Smoking Tobacco.
1 Roger Steam Roller.
2 Roger Cutting Machines.
1 Roger Press.
1 Steam Engine and Gauge.
1 Platform Scale
2 lines Shafting and Belting.
1 Dressing Table.
1 Oil Can
1 Box and Tools.
2 Stoves.
7 Empty Barrels.
3 Empty Half Barrels.
1 barrel pure Yara; 1 bale, 90 pounds.
½ box Liquorice Paste.
1 lot Stems.
1 Vice.
1 Press and Boxes.
1 Drayton Machine.
1 Drying Apparatus (pipes).
1 Coffee Mill.
1 Scale.
5 Sieves.
1 table.
1 packing Table and contents.
50 half barrels Chewing Tobacco.
25 lbs. Pulverized Liquorice.
9 cases and 4 lbs. Kinnikinick.
124 bbls. Smoking Tobacco.
5 bbls., part full, Stems of Tobacco.
17 bbls. Stem Tobacco.
3 half bbls., part full, Chewing Tobacco.
252 lbs. baled Tobacco.
½ bbl. Shorts.
200 lbs. broken Stems.
6 Empty Barrels.
2 cases Stem Smoking.
1 lot Drying Frames and Racks.
1 lot Steam Pipes.
2 Shovels.
1 Fork.
1 Stove.
1 ream large Wrapping Paper.
20 Empty Half Barrels
10,572 lbs. Smoking Tobacco.
1 case Dust or Shorts.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, with sample, No. 55 595.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, with sample, No. 21,487.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, with sample, No. 20 852.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, with sample, No. 55,987.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No. 58,401.
1 hhd. Scraps, No 58 277.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No. 52 252.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No. 71 579.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No. 58 969.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No. 58 204.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No. 76,523.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No. 58 400.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No 63 068.
1 hhd. Leaf Tobacco, No. 56,751.
1 hhd. Scraps.
10 hhd. Stems, S. E., Nos. 211, 203, 205, 198, 212, 198, 201, 203, 200, 212.
200 pounds Scraps.
200 pounds Stems.
100 Staves.
1 Lot Samples.
1 Elevator.
2 Hoisting boxes.
2 Casing boards.
1 Drying apparatus.
79 barrels Smoking Tobacco.
1 Desk, drawers and cases.
1 Fair Scales.
1 Safe.
3 Chairs.
1 Stove.
1 Iron Hat Rack.
1 Letter Press.
321 lbs. Heartsease Smoking Tobacco.
250 lbs. Smoking Club do do
277 lbs. Pure Yara do do
1 Steam Boiler
1 Shafting and Belt.
2 Grindstones.
3 Cases Seed Leaf Tobacco, 529, 98, 560.
1 Lot coal—one ton.
1 Horse
1 Business Wagon.
1 Set Harness.
1 Straw Cutter
2 Buckets, and other small articles

P. C. ELLMAKER,
United States Marshal,
Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
Philadelphia, January 2, 1866. 1 3 wfmst

THE STAMP AGENCY, NO. 304 CHESNUT STREET, ABOVE THIRD, WILL BE CONTINUED AS HERETOFORE.
STAMPS OF EVERY DESCRIPTION CONSTANTLY ON HAND, AND IN ANY AMOUNT. 11 12

GOVERNMENT SALES.

LARGE SALE OF GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY AT POINT LOOKOUT, MD.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT WASHINGTON,
OFFICE OF CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
WASHINGTON, D. C., December 29, 1865.

Will be sold at Public Auction to the highest bidder at POINT LOOKOUT, Md., commencing THURSDAY, January 18, 1866, at 10 o'clock, A. M., the following frame buildings and other public property at that place, viz.:—

UNITED STATES GENERAL HOSPITAL.

One Headquarters Building, 175 by 25 feet; 15 Hospital Wards, each 175 by 25 feet; one Mess-house, 250 by 28 feet; one Guards' Quarters, 167 by 24 feet; one Contraband Quarters, 60 by 14 feet; one Kitchen, 60 by 28 feet; one Chapel, 77 by 25 feet; one Laundry 90 by 22 feet, with stationary Engine, Locomotive Boiler, and all the necessary apparatus for steam laundry and drying; one Cow Stable, 91 by 14 feet; one Horse stable, 52 by 21 feet; one Wagon House, small; one Baggage House, 55 by 25 feet; one Warehouse, 55 by 25 feet; one Ice House, 40 by 30 fe