LITERARY ITEMS.

Professor Charles A. Joy, of Columbia College, has commenced a series of essays in the *Journal of Applied Chemistry*, on the progress of the more important chemical investigations in Europe and this country.

Intelligence has been received of the death in his 75th year of Dr. Karl Friedrich Philipp von Martius, Professor of Botany in the University of Munich, for many years Secretary of the Royal Bavarian Academy of Sciences, and Director of the Botanic Garden. By his scientific labors and writings he occupied a high position among the botanists and vegetable physiologists of Europe, and was a Foreign Member of the Royal Society, as well as of other learned Societies on the continent. To some students he is best known by his travels in Brazil, undertaken in company with Spix, during the years 1817-20, by command of the then King of Bavaria, Max Joseph. The results were published in three 4to. volumes, with an atlas, in 1824-31.

A London literary journal says: "Mr. Tennyson's works will henceforth be published by Messrs. Strahan instead of Messrs. Moxon. The change has been rumored for some time, and is now definitely announced. We hear, also, that Mr. Tennyson will commission Messrs. Strahan to bring out a cheap edition of his works, which is much needed. Mr. Ruskin's notion that all books should be dear in order to test the purchaser's love for literature is an absurd one. Literature is a luxury which is bought from the surplus left when material necessities are satisfied; and if no book were to be published at less than a guinea, the restriction would simply have the effect of sending the surplus in a wrong direction. A good and cheap edition of Tennyson's poems would not only be repaying a debt which the Laureate owes to the public, but would diminish the importation of American editions, which is greater than a good many people fancy.

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3d.—Lots known as Ward Numbers 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 64, on Block No. 109, bounded by Broadway, 63d street, 9th avenue and 62d street.

4th.—Both sides of 57th street from 1st to 2d avenues to the extent of half the block on said avenues.

5th.—Both sides of 46th street, from 2d to 3d avenues, to the extent of half the block on said avenues.

6th.—The easterly side of 4th avenue from 50th to 53d streets; also both sides of 9 th, 63d and 64th, and the southerly side of 65th street from Lexington to 4th avenues; also both sides of 44th street from 4th to 5th avenues; also the southerly side of 67th street from Madison avenue to a point 150 feet easterly.

7th.—Both sides of 10th avenue from 44th to 50th streets; also the westerly side of 10th avenue from 50th to 51st street.

8th.—The southerly side of 16th street from 1st avenue to Avenue B.

9th.—The easterly side of 4th avenue from 69th to 74th street; also both sides of 70th, 71st, and the southerly side of 72d street from 3d to 4th avenue.

10th.—The easterly side of Greenwich street from Battery Place to Morris street.

11th.—Both sides of 50th street between 2d and 3d avenues.

12th.—The westerly side of East street from Grand to Broome streets.

13th.—Both sides of 59th street between 1st avenue and East River.

14th.—Lots fronting on Numbers 420 and 430 9th-ave.

15th.—Both sides of 37th, 38th, 39th, 40th and 41st streets from 10th avenue to Hudson River; also both sides of 11th avenue from 37th to 42d streets; also the westerly side of 10th avenue from 37th to 40th streets.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above named Assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing to Isaac O. Hunt, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 32 Chambers street, Basement New Court-House, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

ISAC O. HUNT,
E. HARRISON REED,
GUERNSEY SACKETT, } Board of Assessors.
Office Board of Assessors, New Court-House, January 5, 1869.

CORPORATION NOTICE.—Public notice is hereby given to the owner or owners, occupant or occupants of all Houses and Lots, improved or unimproved Lands, affected thereby, that the following Assessments are completed, and are lodged in the office of the Board of Assessors for examination by all persons interested, viz.:

1st.—For paving with stone blocks Perry street, between 4th and Bleecker-sts.
2d.—For building sewers between 74th and 79th streets, and 4th and 5th avenues.
3d.—For regulating and grading 96th street, from Avenue A to the East River.
4th.—For paving with trap blocks 42d street, from 6th to 10th avenue.
5th.—For setting curb and gutter stones and flagging sidewalks in 39th street, from Broadway to 7th avenue.
6th.—For flagging the north side of 59th st., bet. 10th and 11th avenues.

The limits embraced by such Assessment include all the several Houses and Lots of Ground, vacant Lots, pieces and parcels of Land situated on,

1st.—Both sides of Perry street, from the westerly side of 4th to Bleecker street to the extent of half the block.
2d.—All the lots on all the blocks lying between 74th and 79th streets and 4th and 5th avenues; also, the Central Park.
3d.—Both sides of 96th street, from Avenue A to East River, to the extent of half the block.
4th.—Both sides of 42d street, from 6th to 10th avenue, to the extent of half the block.
5th.—The north side of 39th street, from Broadway to 7th avenue.
6th.—The north side of 59th street, from 10th to 11th avenue, to the extent of half the block on said avenues.

All persons whose interests are affected by the above named Assessments, and who are opposed to the same, or either of them, are requested to present their objections in writing, to Isaac O. Hunt, Chairman of the Board of Assessors, at their office, No. 32 Chambers street, Basement New Court House, within thirty days from the date of this notice.

ISAAC O. HUNT,
E. HARRISON REED,
GUERNSEY SACKETT, } Board of Assessors.
Office Board of Assessors, New Court House, January 14, 1869.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF TAXES AND ASSESSMENTS, No. 32 Chambers-st., NEW-YORK, Jan. 4, 1869.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.—Notice is hereby given that the Assessment Rolls of the Real and Personal Estate of the City and County of New-York, for the year 1869, will be open for inspection and revision on and after MONDAY, Jan. 11, 1869, and will remain open till the 20th day of April, 1869, for the correction of all errors and the equalization of the assessments of the aforesaid real and personal estate of the City and County of New-York. All persons believing themselves to be aggrieved must make application to the Commissioners during the period above mentioned, in order to obtain the relief provided by law. The act of 1859 provides that "during the time the books shall be open for public inspection, as hereinbefore provided, application may be made by any person considering himself aggrieved by the assessed valuation of his real or personal estate, to have the same corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of real estate, it must be made in writing, stating the ground of objection thereto, and thereupon the Commissioners shall examine into the complaint; and if, in their judgment, the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected. If such application be made in relation to the assessed valuation of personal estate, the applicant shall be examined under oath by the said Commissioners, who shall be and authorized to administer such oaths, or any of them; and if, in his or their judgment, the assessment is erroneous, they shall cause the same to be corrected, and fix the amount of such assessment as they may believe to be just, and declare their decision thereon within thirty days after such application shall have been made to them. No reduction shall be made by the Board of Supervisors of any assessment on real or personal estate imposed under this act, unless it shall appear, under oath or affirmation, that the party aggrieved was unable to attend within the period prescribed for the correction of taxes, by reason of sickness or absence from the city."

J. W. ALLEN,
J. W. BROWN,
C. M. DEPEW, } Commissioners of Taxes and Assessments.

Proposals.

OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, FORT LEAVENWORTH, Kan., Dec. 8, 1868.

ARMY TRANSPORTATION.—SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 11 o'clock a. m., January 20, 1869, for the
TRANSPORTATION OF MILITARY SUPPLIES
during the year commencing April 1, 1869, and ending March 31, 1870, on the following routes: (Proposals for route No. 3 will also be received by Brevet Lieut.-Col. M. I. Ludington, C. Q. M., at Santa Fe, N. M., until the time above mentioned.)

ROUTE NO. 2.

From such points on the Union Pacific Railway, E. D., as may, during the existence of the contract, be designated by the Chief Q. M. Dep't of the Mo., to any places that may be designated by the forwarding officer in the State of Kansas and Territory of Colorado south of latitude 40 degrees north; in such portions of the State of Texas and Indian Territory as lie north of the Canadian River and west of longitude 37 degrees; and as far north of the Canadian River and west of longitude 37 degrees; and to Fort Union, New-Mexico, or such other depot as may be designated in that Territory, and any intermediate points on the route to that depot. Bidders will state the rate per 100 pounds per 100 miles at which they will transport the stores in each month of the year, beginning April 1, 1869.

Separate bids, however, are invited, and will be entertained for the transportation to and from the following points, the rate bid to be per 100 pounds for the entire distance, and not per 100 miles, as in the foregoing case:

FROM FORT HARKER
to Forts Zarah, Larned, Dodge, Lyon, Reynolds, Garland, and Union.
FROM FORT HAYS
to Forts Dodge, Lyon, Reynolds, Garland, and Union.
FROM SHERIDAN OR FORT WALLACE
to Forts Lyon, Reynolds, Garland, and Union.

The transportation herein advertised for must be wholly by wagon.

Information will be given on application to this office of the distances between the places named above, and upon any other points regarding the service herein advertised for.

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 in the State of Texas west of longitude 105 degrees.

The weight to be transported will not exceed on Rout No. 2, 20,000,000 pounds; on Route No. 3, 10,000,000 pounds.

Bidders will state their places of residence, and each proposal MUST be accompanied by a deposit of $2,000 (notes or certified check payable to the order of the undersigned), as a guarantee that in case an award is made to him, the bidder will accept it and enter into contract with good and sufficient security in accordance with the terms of this advertisement; and submit security in accordance with the terms of this advertisement; and said sum to be forfeited to the United States in case of failure by the party to whom the contract may be awarded, to execute in due form such contract.

Each bidder must be present at the opening of the proposals, or be represented by his attorney.

The contractors will be required to give bonds on Route No. 2 in such amounts as shall be fixed by the undersigned; on Route No. 3, $100,000.

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. 2," or "3," as the case may be, and none will be entertained unless they fully comply with the requirements of this advertisement.

The party to whom an award is made must be prepared to execute the contract without unnecessary delay, and to give the required bonds for the faithful performance of the contract.

The right to reject any and all bids that may be offered is reserved.

The contractor on each route must be in readiness for service by the 1st day of April, 1869, and must have a place of business or agency at which he may be communicated with readily, at the starting point or points of his route.

Blank forms, showing the conditions of the contract to be entered into for each route, can be had upon application to this office, either personally or by letter, and must accompany and be a part of the proposals.

Blanks for proposals will be furnished on application.

By order of the Chief Quartermaster, Military Division of the Missouri.

L. C. EASTON, Dep't. Q. M. Gen'l, U. S. A., C. Q. M., Dep't. Mo.

DEPARTMENT OF DAKOTA, OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER, SAINT PAUL, Minn., Dec. 7, 1868.

PROPOSALS FOR ARMY TRANSPORTATION.—SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office, until 12 o'clock m. on Thursday,