CANAL MISMANAGEMENT.

GOVERNOR TILDEN'S MESSAGE TO THE LEGISLATURE.

What the Canals Earn and Cost—Improvements in the Erie Canal—New Contractors Swindle the State—The Governor's Plan of Retrenchment and Reform.

Gov. Tilden's long-expected message on the mismanagement of the State canals was sent in to the Legislature yesterday. It begins with a reference to a petition addressed to the Governor by boatmen and others interested in canal transportation, asking for a reduction of tolls and for an investigation of the condition of canal commerce, with such recommendations to the Legislature as will lead to measures of relief. In compliance with their request the following facts and suggestions are presented:

INCOME AND EXPENDITURES.

During the months of October and November and a few days of December, 1874, in which period almost one-fourth of the tolls of the year were collected, the receipts of tolls is from $836,123.7 to $838,123.60, or $837,000.31. A corresponding decrease for the months of May, June, July, August and September, 1875, as compared with the same months of 1874, would amount to a deficit, that would give the tolls for the fiscal year of 1875 at $2,250,000.

Assuming them to realize $2,250,000 instead of $2,663,000, the reduction of receipts to be produced by the lowering of the rates would be $534,882. The gross tolls accruing from all the canals for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30, 1875, would be $1,715,168.

The total amount of the tolls on all the canals during the five fiscal years ending Sept. 30, 1874, was	$15,058,361 75
The aggregate of ordinary expenses and ordinary repairs during the same period was	9,992,434 23
The apparent surplus was	$5,855,927 52
The aggregate of extraordinary repairs during the same five years was	$10,000,654 84
Deduct the apparent surplus	5,855,727 52
Real deficiency, being excess of repairs ordinary and extraordinary over the whole tolls	$5,104,697 32
Other payments were:	
Interest	$2,008,617 46
Cost of premium on gold	707,468 35
Cost of premium on stock purchased	81,736 00
Transfer expenses, &c.	21,238 49
	3,665,060 30
Actual cost, exclusive of reduction of debt	$8,769,757 62
Payment of debt:	
Canal debt	$2,384,359 00
General fund debt, over the reduction of moneys in sinking funds	2,352,132 28
	4,836,491 28
Contribution to general fund	200,000 00
	$13,856,239 90
The taxes levied for these purposes during the same period were	$14,789,848 25

IMPROVEMENTS OF THE ERIE CANAL.

At the opening of navigation the present season, the double locks will be completed. The capacity of the Erie canal to do an aggregate business will be several times the requirements of the largest tonnage it has ever had.

On Sept. 30, 1874, there remained of wall benches 24 48-100 miles on the towing path side, of which 12 25-100 miles are contracted to be removed; and 46 91-100 on the berme side, of which 7 50-100 are contracted to be removed, leaving 12 25-100 miles on the towing path side, and 39 41-100 miles on the berme side, where the obstruction is much less important, equivalent in all to 26 miles on both sides. This is less than seven per cent. of the whole length of the canal.

The engineer's estimate of the cost of removing the remaining wall benches was, in January, 1874, $711,140, and an appropriation of $700,000 was made by the Legislature of 1874, which will be available for expenditure during the present year.

As the only effect of the wall benches now remaining is that they contract the canal at its bottom from 56 to 42 feet, and, in that proportion, the lower part of the prism, forming a section four feet above the bottom of the waterway—thus lessening the body of water in which the boats must move—a footing of one-fourth the length of the channel, and but one-fifth of that on the towing path side—the inconvenience of their existence to this limited extent, is not very great or emergent.

WHAT OUGHT TO BE DONE.

In my judgement, a far more important improvement of the Erie canal would be effected by a thorough system of ordinary repairs, which should give the waterway its proper and lawful dimensions, and by progressively deepening it, wherever reasonably practicable, from seven to eight feet. As the object would be merely to enable the submerged section of the boat to move in a larger area of water, so that the displaced fluid would pass the bottom in larger space, it would not be necessary to alter the culverts or other structures, or to carry the walls of the canal below the present bottom, and the benefit would be realized in each portion of the canal improved, without reference to any other part of the channel which should remain unchanged. In facilitating the movement of the boat and quickening its speed it would increase the amount of service rendered in a given time, and would thereby diminish every element of the cost of transportation. It would benefit the boatmen and carriers more even than one cent a bushel remission of tolls. It would be of more real utility to navigation than five or ten times its cost expended in the average manner of so-called improvements on the Erie canal. But it is too simple, too practically useful to enlist the imagination of projectors who seek the fame of magnificent constructions, and of engineers who build monuments for exhibition to their rivals, or to awaken the rapacity of cormorants who fatten on jobs.

The wisdom of abstaining from all new work, except that which is not only useful but absolutely necessary, is obvious. Every item should be scrutinized with jealous care.

The aggregate of outlay be kept within half a million; and as much below that maximum as possible. A thorough retrenchment in ordinary and extraordinary repairs will enable the State to remit for the present year, as compared with the last, to the boatmen and transporters, from five to six hundred thousand dollars of tolls, and at the same time to give relief to our overburdened taxpayers, in a reduction of taxes to the extent of more than a million and three-quarters of dollars.

If the restoring of the Erie canal to its proper dimensions and the deepening of the waterway, which is by far the most useful improvement contemplated, can be deferred till next year, after its present condition shall be accurately ascertained, and the resources of the State gradually, there is little else that cannot wait.

FRAUDULENT CONTRACTS.

I have examined more than one hundred contracts, and I find that most are so contrived that not only does the State in the end pay from two to four times the amount of the contract, but that the work is not given to the lowest bidder in fact, although it may be in form.

When the engineer's estimate of quantities and kinds of work to be performed by the government here, the contractor will find out by collusion, or in some other way, what quantities of each kind of work or material will, in fact, be required, or he will see what influence he can exert to change the contract after it is made. If it is changed no new letting is had, but he claims the job as his right.

He then puts in his bid, offering to do such work or to furnish such material as he finds will not be required at all, or in small quantities, at absurdly low prices, and at prices ruinous to instances at a twentieth part of its cost. The items which will be required in full, and probably in extra quantities, he will put at unreasonably high rates, and it turns out that what the contractor offers at low prices is called for in small quantities, and fulfilled at a loss, while what he put at high prices are not only required in full, but in most cases in extraordinary quantities.

HOW THE TRICK IS DONE.

An example will more clearly illustrate how the State is defrauded by these devices.

The engineer having estimated certain work and material as follows:

100 cubic yards of vertical wall at $6	$600 00
3,500 cubic yards of earth at $1	3,500 00
2,400 feet B. M. white oak at $50	120 00
60,000 feet B. M. hemlock at $10	600 00
Total estimate	$4,820 00
A's bid for the job at these rates amounts to	7,102 50

B's bid for the same was, for

100 cubic yards vertical wall at $6	$600 00
3,500 cubic yards slope wall at 50 cents	1,750 00
2,400 feet B. M. white oak at $70	168 00
60,000 feet B. M. hemlock at $5	300 00
And aggregate	$2,818 00

The proposal of B, apparently so advantageous to the State, was not accepted, the job awarded to him as the "lowest bidder." But afterward, by some influence, it was decided to make only vertical, and no slope wall, and to use only oak and no hemlock timber. There was no re-letting, although the agreement had been in fact rescinded and a new and different contract, which enabled B to collect from the State for

3,500 cubic yards of vertical wall at $6	$23,700 00
62,400 feet B. M. white oak at $70	4,368 00
The sum of	$28,068 00

It will be seen that in such transactions—and they are numerous—in violation of the Constitution, the contractor gets the work without there having been in fact any public letting, or any chance for competition by others.

SOME STARTLING FIGURES.

For the purpose of showing actual results of this system I state the following ten cases, which give the amount the State has paid on certain contracts in comparison with the sum for which the contractor agreed to do the work at the letings made by the Commissioners:

	Amt. of Contract as awarded, for quantities at contract prices.	Amt. Actually paid to date upto Feb. 1, 1875.
Contract No. 1	$74,183 00	$155,114 72
Contract No. 2	39,431 00	96,815 68
Contract No. 3	37,871 00	110,339 13
Contract No. 4	10,867 00	49,946 30
Contract No. 5	14,867 00	78,807 08
Contract No. 6	85,162 50	239,614 58
Contract No. 7	31,386 00	130,317 45
Contract No. 8	80,581 00	222,640 68
Contract No. 9	6,594 00	41,127 55
Contract No. 10	45,000 00	191,915 55
	$426,535 50	$1,500,769 34

These show that the State has already paid nearly four times the amount which was involved by the terms of the contracts, and though this excess amounts to more than a million of dollars, some of the expenditures are still going on with no prospect of completion. It also appears that of the expenditures of $1,500,769.84, only $421,535.91, less than one-third, was submitted to a public letting.

RECOMMENDATIONS.

Methods ought to be devised to make the estimates of the kinds and quantities of work, executed on the quantity sheet for letings of contracts, to conform to the actual work to be done. On the change of the plan or specifications of a contract, the work under the old contract should be closed, and a new letting take place.

I recommend that hereafter the bids be opened, and the awards of contracts be made by the Canal Board. It is a larger body, and contains the officer who is charged with the fiscal administration of the State, and also the State Engineer. It was formerly vested with these duties, and the change was only made to serve a temporary party object.

The members of the Canal Board, other than the Canal Commissioners and Lieutenant-Governor, are all chosen at one election. The elective power of the people is effected to make a change of the sovereign policy. But the Canal Commissioners are elected one each year, and it takes three years to make a complete change. They have practically ceased to act as a board.

It is fundamental that the spending officers must be independent and free from influence of the officers whose duty is to provide the ways and means. No great corporate business, no private affairs could be conducted successfully on any other plan.

SUGGESTIONS.

It does not seem expedient to wait for a change which involves an amendment of the Constitution, and will therefore take several years. There are measures within the competency of the Legislature which can be put into immediate operation, and which will have great efficiency to remedy the evils.

Among these the suggestion has occurred to me that an Inspector of Public Works can be created by law, who shall be invested with full powers of investigation, and shall report to the Governor and Legislature, and who shall derive his appointment from a source completely independent of the canal officers.

Another expedient worthy of your consideration is to enforce the accountability of the officers charged with the disbursement of the public money by a liability to summary removal or suspension.

Provision ought also to be made by law for regulating the formation of the annual estimate for future expenditures. It ought not only to be the result of consultation between the Canal Commissioners, but should have the written approval of the State Engineer as to the necessity and cost of the work, and of the Comptroller as to its propriety, considered in connection with the financial administration.

It would doubtless be a valuable improvement to create a paymaster, appointed by the Commissioners of the Canal Fund, who should be accountable to the Auditor, and should make all payments on the certificates of the Canal Comissioners and State Engineer. With these provisions the control of the State Engineer over his subordinates might properly be enlarged.

OTHER MATTERS TO BE LOOKED INTO.

I have deemed it my duty to look beyond the abuses practised in the letting of contracts, and to see if the materials have been delivered and the work has been done for which so many millions have been paid out by the State, and also to learn if the locks, walls, and other structures have been built in a faithful way and in compliance with the contracts. I am satisfied from information I have already gained that there should be an investigation of these subjects. It is my purpose, with the aid of the members of the Canal Board, to have an examination made of our public works, and to learn their condition. It may be too late to detect all frauds, but many may be exposed and punished, and a check put upon practices so destructive to morals as well as to the public interests of the people of the State.

THE DEATH OF MRS. CURTIS.

A Woman to be Tried Under the New Law in Relation to Malpractice.

Coroner Croker finished the inquest, yesterday, in the case of Mrs. Annie Josephine Curtis, who died on Wednesday morning at 12 Union place. Among the few women who attended the inquest was Mrs. Annie Isabella Ihl, a large muscular woman, with narrow forehead, large cheek bones, and heavy jaws. Her small, light blue eyes, half hidden by puffy eyelids, are cold and cruel. Her mouth is small, and the thin lips were compressed tightly, giving a defiant expression.

Mr. Benjamin Gregory of 324 West Twenty-third street, the organist of the Church of the Atonement, in which Mrs. Curtis sang, testified in a dignified, straightforward manner. He said he had known Mrs. Curtis about three months. He met her first at 12 Union place, where she lived. He became acquainted with her through the choir of the Church of the Atonement, who had advertised for singers, and wanted his (witness's) opinion about their voices. In the latter part of February he first heard of her condition. She said nothing to him about employing an abortionist. She told her that he would stand by her and see her through. On the 10th of March she told him that she had been treated by a woman; but she would not tell him the name of the woman, nor where she lived. He did not saw Mrs. Dr. Ihl on Tuesday night at Mrs. Curtis's bedside. Previous to that Mrs. Curtis told him that the name of the woman was "Ihl."

At this point one of the jurors asked Mr. Gregory how much money he had given Mrs. Curtis. He, with a smile on his face, said that several jurors protested, and the witness said that respect for the woman would restrain him from answering such questions, and Coroner Croker ruled the questions out. Mr. Gregory then continued:

"I never furnished her with any money for the purpose of procuring an abortion or miscarriage. I never knew she had an abortion or miscarriage until she told me of it herself after it had been done."

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Wanted—Female.

A. WHEELER & WILSON machine hands wanted to use shuttle machine given out. FISK CLARK & FLAGG, 866 Broadway.

AN industrious girl to do general housework in a small family where a comfortable home can be had. Apply at 130 Carystle st.

YOUNG GIRL about 14 to help take care of a baby and sew; Protestant preferred. Apply at 156 East 44th st, near 3d av.

A FEW MORE experienced weavers on drapery and gold fringe. C. A. SCHMIDT, 85 Chambers st.

A LAUNDRESS wanted immediately, also a cook and a small girl. Inquire at 138 6th av.

EXPERIENCED operators on W. & W. machines run by steam power. 218 W. st 29th st.

FIRST CLASS operators on ladies' suits; also, experienced hands on Bonnet steam machines; highest prices paid; steam or foot power. 357 Adams st., Brooklyn.

Wanted—Female.

FIRST-CLASS operators on shirt fronts, W. & W's machines; also a good folder. 143 Nelson st., South Brooklyn.

FIRST-CLASS operators and finishers on custom shirts. Apply at 444 Fulton st., Brooklyn.

FIRST-CLASS ironers wanted on new shirts, at 559 West 43d st., and at 101 Franklin st.

LACE MAKERS and young girls to learn at the school of Design, 997 Broadway, near 20th st.

MILLINERY.—A first-class trimmer wanted. Apply immediately to H. O'NEILL & CO., 327 and 329 Sixth av.

OPERATORS wanted on ladies' dress suits on all necessary sewing machines at OPPENHEIM BROS., 97 Franklin st.

OPERATORS wanted on Grover & Baker and Domestic machines. R. HAYWARD, 46 Howard st.

PARASOLS.—Wanted, 100 girls to sew parasols and umbrellas; good wages and steady employment at HEFTER & GANS', 549 Broadway.

PAPER BOXES.—Girls and boys hands; none but first-class hands need to apply. 324 DeLancey st., city.

PRACTICAL MILLINER wanted to work and take charge of store. J. M. WEEKS, Glen Cove, L. I.

WANTED—Twenty-five gros grain ribbon weavers; steady employment throughout the year; none but first-class hands need to apply. 324 DeLancey st., city.

WILLCOX & GIBBS'S Singer's Improved. W. Cox & Wilcox, $20 to $45. 47 Bleecker st., between Broadway and Bowery.

WANTED—On ladies' suits, 100 first-class workers; steady work, good wages. E. S. MILLS & CO., 304 Broadway.

WANTED—A first-class shirt polisher and ironer to go to Augusta, Ga. Address JOHN KINNEY, Augusta, Ga. Steady work and good wages.

WANTED—200 ladies for ballet; those formerly in the Blue Board preferred. Apply at Hippodrome, Monday morning, at 10 o'clock.

WANTED—Experienced hands to sew straw on the block; the highest prices paid to good hands. Call at 67 East 10th st., top floor.

WANTED—2 or 3 first-class collar starchers; steady work and good prices paid. Inquire at Empire Laundry, 331 East 53d st.

WANTED—Good operatives on wax thread and other machines. Steady employment and good wages. ED. SIMON & BROS., 64 Reade st.

WANTED—First-class operators on suits; no others need apply. J. & C. JOHNSTON, Broadway and 22d st.

WANTED—An experienced forewoman in wiring Nos. 93 and 95 6th av.

WANTED—Good operators on trimmed skirts; also work given out. FOWIS, HALF & CO., 53 and 55 Franklin st.

WANTED—A good, smart girl for light housework; no washing. Apply, with references, at 271 Hudson st.

WANTED—An experienced hand for folded ties. 323 East 32d st., bet. 1st and 2d avs., second bell.

WEAVERS wanted.—A number of hands to weave mosquito nets. Apply at 455 West 41st st.

WANTED—A girl for general housework in a small family. 366 3d av., near 26th st.

WANTED—A young girl to assist in housework. Inquire at 305 West 25th st.

WANTED—Twenty waiter girls. 31 Bowery, immediately.

WANTED—Good ribbon weavers at 103 Pineapple st., Brooklyn.

YOUNG GIRLS can obtain situations free, lodging and meals at 6c. each, or board at $1.50 a week, at the Girls' Lodging House, 27 St. Mark's place.

20 SMART GIRLS to learn to iron white and calico shirts wanted at laundry, 217 W. 36th st.

20 NEW shirt ironers wanted at 448 West 35th st. Call before 9 a.

50 FINISHERS wanted on coats. RIDDLE, 145 Bowery.

50 OPERATORS on ladies' suits; also, 2 good laundresses. Apply at 170 South 5th av., morning only.

Wanted—Males.

A active man as salesman and collector in the city; reference and security required; also one who is travelling in the country and sell on commission. Address CUTLERY, box 160, Sun office.

A YOUNG man in an oyster saloon; one that understands the business. Call between 11 and 1 o'clock, No. 168 Myrtle av., Brooklyn.

A FIRST-CLASS presser for gentlemen's clothes. Apply at SCHAULTS scouring establishment, 293 Fulton st., Brooklyn.

A WHEELWRIGHT and blacksmith's helper wanted. Apply to A. W. SHADBOLT & SON, 68 Flushing av., Brooklyn.

A SINGLE man wanted who understands white-washing; also a chambermaid. Frankfort House, No. 232 William st.

A EXPERIENCED CUTTER for ladies' garments. Apply to J. P. JACKMAN, 351 Canal st.

A GENTS.—100 men wanted; $10 daily, or salary, selling our new goods. Novelty Co., 980 Broadway.

A SMART boy who has experience at sign painting. T. E. HOLLAND, 122 Walker st.

A FIRST-CLASS pattern maker wanted. 560 West 34th st. THOMAS & CO.

A YOUNG MAN to work in a livery stable. Call at 31 and 33 North Moore st.

A GOOD COMPOSITOR at 75 Nassau st.

BOYS wanted.—Six active, strong boys of about 15 years of age; at Harlem Bridge, Long Dock, Jersey City, on Central Railroad of New Jersey, 38 miles from New York; leave foot of Liberty st. None need apply but respectable boys with good reference.

CARRIAGE PAINTERS.—Wanted, first-class striper and finisher on fine Engish and French work; none but first-class need apply. WARK & ESPERSON, carriage factory, Atlantic st. and Willoughby av., Brooklyn. Call for two days.

CHECK BOYS wanted. Apply at LORD & TAYLOR'S, corner Grand and Chrystie sts.

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A SMART boy wanted to mind a plumber shop. 52 West 10th st.

TWO waterproof makers wanted on gold work; to first-class workmen accustomed to flat necks, stem winders, &c., work by the piece or by the year would be given. Address C. & A. PLUGGNOT, 22 South 5th st., Philadelphia.

WANTED—Nonpareil pollisers at Troy, N. Y. Our works are now in operation, running Twenty-four and Twenty-six hours a day. Apply by letter to either of the under signed. H. BURDEN & SONS, Troy, N. Y. BASTIAN BROS., Troy, N. Y. JONES & SMITH, 350 Cherry st., N. Y.

WANTED—Are there everywhere to sell our popular medicine of Dr. Livingstone," from childhood to the last journal. Full, complete, authentic, attractive. People's edition. B. B. RUSSELL, Publisher, Boston.

WANTED—A stock clerk (reference required) in the shirt business; one who is acquainted with the business preferred. WECHSLER BROS. & CO., 48 and 50 Walker st.

WANTED—A strong boy 18 years old to make himself useful in a store; wages $5 a week. Address, with references, BOY, box 181, Sun office.

WANTED—A good, sober, industrious man as miller for sash from factory; another hand wanted. Apply to JONES & SMITH, 350 Cherry st.

WANTED—A first-class heeler on ladies' fine shoes to go out of the city. Apply to J. C. BENNETT & BARNARD, 51 Warren st.

WANTED—A beating engineer who can work paper stock. Apply to WELLINGTON CAMPBELL, Milburn, N. J.

WANTED—A carriage painter. F. FORBETT & SON, 127 Jersey av., Jersey City.

WANTED—A good plumber. Apply at 47 West Broadway.

Situations Wanted.

AN American man, aged 32, is desirous of employment of any kind; has had experience at carriage trimming, shipping, and as a salesman; can give good reference. Address J. H. D., box 161, Sun office.

A MAN would like a situation to take charge of tenement houses and keep in repair; handy at painting and carpentering; good references. Address A. J. OSBORN, Paterson, N. J., for three days.

AN experienced monthly nurse, with excellent city references, solicits engagements; also attends to breasts. HENRIETTA BROWN, 412 West 30th st., top floor.

A YOUNG lady wishes employment of some kind; is a small operator. Call on or address ANNIE, No. 1,473 3d av., New York.

A GERMAN girl wants a place for general housework; city or country. 219 Bowery.

WANTED—By a lady who teaches English and French, German and Latin, a position as governess or teacher in a seminary; would go West or South. Address MISS COE, box 175, Sun office.

House Furnishing.

FURNITURE, BEDDING, CARPETS, AT O'FARRELL'S, 33 EIGHTH AV., Below 9 and 10 sts. PAYMENTS TAKEN WEEKLY OR MONTHLY.

FURNITURE, carpets, oil cloths; cash prices, weekly or month ly payments. O'FARRELL'S, 337 Bowery, near 10th st.

GOOD second-hand and slight carpets, all sizes, and patterns, very cheap, at the old place, 113 2d st., near the Bowery. Bring your measures with you.

PAPER HANGINGS, in small lots for sale cheap, at factory 10th av., cor. 37th st.; worthy of attent on from house agents.

WEEKLY AND MONTHLY PAYMENTS taken for furniture, carpets, and bedding at S. M. COWPERTHWAIT & CO.'S, 153 and 157 Chatham st. Auction house stock and low prices. Grea t bargains for cash.

Ranges and Kitchenware.

THE "BEEBE RANGE" THE BEST AND cheapest cooking apparatus for the money. Reduced to $55 for No. 1, largest family size, including water back and setting. Orders for repairs sent by mail or telegraph attended to. Made and warranted by JAMES & KIRTLAND, 8, 10, and 12 Reade st.

Copartnership Notices.

THE CO-PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing between the undersigned under the firm name of Hardy, Hicks & Co., has been this day dissolved by mutual consent.

The liquidation of the business of the said firm will be in charge of Messrs. Robert T. Hardy and Edward J. Hicks at 78 Bowery, New York.

ROBERT T. HARDY, EDWARD J. HICKS, SAMUEL C. MOTT.

New York, March 18, 1875.

Real Estate.

A SPLENDID CHANCE AT JERSEY CITY.—The finely cellar house, southwest corner of Central av. and Pacific st., Jersey City; house 20 by 40; contains a store and 9 rooms; lot 50 by 100; now occupied as a beer beer garden; rent for $800 per year; also 2 neat 3 story brick basement houses; 11 rooms each; 2 lots on west side of Cambridge av., between South and Bowen sts.; rent for $600 a year each; will be sold at auction Wednesday, March 24, 1875, at 3 o'clock P. M. Sale peremptory, to close a estate; rare chance for bargains, as all of the property must and positively will be sold to highest bidder; terms very easy. Call and see the property. JOHN M. GIBSON, Auctioneer, 31 Montgomery st., Jersey City.

Office open until 8 o'clock P. M.

CLERKS AND MECHANICS.—The Co-operative Homestead Building Association will loan or build you a house costing $2,000, 30 minutes from city, on the repayment of $20 monthly, which includes interest on loan. Office 159 8th st., near Broadway. Open Monday and Thursday evenings, 7 to 9 o'clock.

FOR SALE cheap—House 126 W. st 43d st., choice school; every improvement; thoroughly repaired; nice garden. Can be seen only by permit from A. HALLDAY, 17 Harrison st.

FOR SALE—A threestory and basement brick house, containing 15 rooms, a large cellar, a nice garden, in a good neighborhood. For full particulars inquire at 64 Pitt st., New York.

HOUSES, LOTS, FARMS, &c.—At Jersey City, all parts of Hudson county and New Jersey; for sale, to let, or exchange; full particulars in circular free; send stamp or call for it. JOHN M. GIBSON, 31 Montgomery st., Jersey City.

ONLY $20,000 for 88½ acre farm; river front; 1,000 fruit trees; brick mansion; 100 acres in timothy, 80 acres in wheat; 1 mile to depot. J. F. MANCHA, Easton, Md.

For Sale and to Let.

A MEETING ROOM wanted down town for THE WOODENGRAVERS' FUND ASSOCIATION. Address, stating terms and locality, W., box 174, Sun office.

BASEMENT to let—On the most business part of Broadway; has been occupied by the shoe trade for the last twelve years. Apply at store, 164 Broadway.

GREAT REDUCTION.—Rents at one-half the price of last year; 3-story frame cottages, in apartments if desired; 15 minutes from foot of Liberty st. on Newark and New York Railroad. Apply to H. V. COLE, West Bergen Station.

LOFTS TO LET with steam power running night and day; good light, water, and water closets on each floor, and heated by steam. Apply to J. F. PRESTON, 27 Rose st.

LOFT TO LET at 11 Frankfort st., 3d floor, suitable for any mechanical purpose; steam power and printing presses in the building. Inquire on the premises.

OFFICES TO LET—In second story Sun building, front and rear, well lighted and steam heated. Apply at Sun Publication Office, Nassau and Frankfort sts.

STORE IN PRINTING HOUSE SQUARE—To let, now occupied by Mutual Benefit Savings Bank, store 196 Nassau st., Sun Building, fronting on Printing House square. Apply at Sun Publication office, Nassau and Frankfort sts.

STORE to let, with butcher's fixtures. Apply at 108 10th av., to owner.

TO BAKERS.—To let, a new, elegant store, plate glass windows, 5th av., near Carroll st., Brooklyn; contains baker's oven; will lease five years. Apply on premises.

TO LET—Tel or's basement floor, 5 rooms, $24; second floor, 4 rooms, $17; third floor, 5 rooms, $16; all improvements. Inquire at 45 Ross st., Williamsburgh.

Publications.

TWO NEW EDITIONS READY TO-DAY.

The extraordinary interest taken in Hulsh's noted MEMOIRS OF GEORGE IV. having exhausted the first two extra large editions, two more editions are now ready, viz.:

THE "POPULAR," IN PAPER, PRICE $1.25.

THE "STANDARD," IN EXTRA CLOTH, PRICE $1.50.

This is the celebrated "suppressed" work, verbatim, printed in beautiful style, and sold at a price which makes it one of the cheapest books, considering quantity of matter, ever put on the American market.

All orders filled promptly by the American News Co., or by ADAMS, VICTOR & CO., Publishers, 98 William st., New York.

Business Chances.

A WELL-LOCATED restaurant and liquor store, in good business locality; a brick house with large garden; 3 years lease, and only $30 per month rent; desiring the country the cause for selling. Call at 88 Seigwick st., South Brooklyn, between Hamilton and South Ferry.

A SILK dyeing establishment for sale, with all the tools in good order for the working of 20 men; 2 reference; solicits engagements; also attends to breasts. HENRIETTA BROWN, 412 West 30th st., top floor.

A PROFITABLE business chance and location, for man or woman, to let cheap; good place for any light business or trade. 138 6th av., above 10th st.

A SET of tinsmith's tools for sale cheap. Inquire at 1,008 2d av., first floor.

BAKERY.—A good chance for a practical man.—To let, the bakery 374 8th av., now being painted and throughout, with store well fitted up, marble-top counters, plate glass front, and a good oven; put in complete order; to a responsible man will be let right and a lease given. Apply to J. FROST, 254 Spring st.

FOR SALE—Cheap, a liquor and lager beer saloon, with bowling alleys; a good stand. Apply head, corner Harrison av. and Middleton st., Brooklyn, E. D.

FOR SALE—A candy and crockery store. 116 9th av., between 17th and 18th sts.

FOR SALE—Bread and candy store, 8 Suffolk st.; price $50; rent $9.

THE WELL LOCATED lager beer and billiard saloon, 190 East Broadway, corner Jefferson st., will be sold this day at 10 o'clock a. m. Good stand for liquor business. By order of P. FILSIO.

$125.—CANDY, variety, news, and mill depot for sale; cheap rent; sale cause of selling other business. Apply to M. MCAULEY, news stand, cor. Carmine and Bleecker sts.

$400 WILL BUY an ice cream depot and confectionery store; now doing a paying business; owner has other business only reason for selling; no agents. 397 4th av.

$4,000.—Cigars 2 hands busy. Address F. F., 501 Bdy, West 384 st.

Miscellaneous.

FOR SALE—8 turning lathes, 8 to 6 feet long; side rest; also, force. 325 West 37th st., rear.

HIGHEST PRICES paid for pawn tickets at W. M. JOHNSON & HOUGHTON'S, 189 Bowery.

POST OFFICE NOTICE.—The mails for Europe for the week ending Saturday, March 20, 1875, will close at this office as follows: Regular at 10 A. M. on Wednesday at 10:30 A. M. on Thursday at 11:30 A. M., and on Saturday at 11:30 A. M. and 12 M. L. L. JAMES, P. M.

WANTED—A good family cow. Address, naming price, C. H., P. O. box 243, Mount Vernon, N. Y.

Savings Banks.

EQUITABLE SAVINGS INSTITUTION, Corner 6th av. and 13th st. Money deposited on any day will commence to draw interest on the first day of the following month. Interest paid Jan. 1, 1875, at the rate of SEVEN PER CENT. PER ANNUM. GEORGE C. WALDO, Secretary.

MUTUAL BENEFIT SAVINGS BANK, 166 Nassau st., Sun Building, New York. Interest commences on the 1st of EVERY month. BANK OPEN FROM 10 TO 3 DAILY; also, Monday and Saturday evenings, 4½ to 6½ o'clock. CHAS. K. GRAHAM, President. GEO. H. BENEDICT, Secretary.

Instruction.

$2.50—WRITING, bookkeeping, arithmetic, grammar, spelling, $5 each. PAINE, No. 62 Bowery, uptown 1,275 Broadway.

Board and Rooms.

UP-TOWN ADVERTISERS may leave their advertisements at 511½ West Thirty-second street, junction of Broadway and Sixth avenue, and 308 West Twenty-third street, opposite Grand Opera House, from 8 A. M. to 8:30 P. M. No extra charge.

A COUPLE of men can obtain good board at $5 per week; gas and bath; table boarders taken. 174 Sullivan st.

A FEW men can have good board at $4.50, and few ladies at $3.50, at 340 East 9th st., bet. 1st and 2d avs.

A FEW gentlemen and ladies can have good board and single beds; day boarders taken. 13 Pitt st.

A FEW gentlemen can be accommodated with board; terms moderate. 356 Broome st.

A FEW gentlemen can have good board; $5 to $5.50. 27 Bleecker st.

"DON'T YOU ANSWER A QUESTION," said the law