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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR WOOD AND COAL.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, June 24, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received by the undersigned until 12 o'clock M., on Wednesday, the 8th day of July, for furnishing for the use of this Department—

450 tons (2,240 lbs. to the ton) of the best White Ash Coal, furnace size,
50 tons Red Ash, same size, and
250 cords best seasoned Oak Wood.

Parties will be at liberty to bid for the Wood and Coal together, or for either one separately, and their bids will be considered accordingly.

Satisfactory arrangements must be made to secure to the Government full weight and measure.

The Wood is to be corded and measured upon the premises, and one half is to be sawed into three pieces and the other half into two, and all to be piled away in the cellar.

The Coal is to be stowed away in the vaults, which are very accessible.

No bids will be entertained unless satisfactory evidence can be furnished of the reliability and loyalty of the parties.

Samples of Coal, such as is desired, can be seen by calling upon the Superintendent.

Payments will be promptly made after the delivery of the fuel.

Proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, and endorsed "Proposals for Wood and Coal."
JAS. S. HALLOWELL,
je24-d Disbursing Clerk, Post Office Department.

SEALED PROPOSALS Are invited till the 15th day of July, 1863, at 12 o'clock m., for furnishing the Subsistence Department with 20,000 barrels of FLOUR.

Bids will be received for what is known as No. 1, No. 2, and No. 3, and for any portion less than the 20,000 barrels. Separate bids will be received for Flour put in good second-hand barrels of the same grade as above. Bids for different grades, and for second hand barrels, should be upon separate sheets of paper.

The delivery of the Flour to be commenced on or about the 20th July, or as soon thereafter as the Government may direct, at the rate of 800 barrels daily, delivered either at the Government Warehouse in Georgetown, at the Wharves, or at the Railroad Depot, Washington, D. C.

The barrels is to be strong and head lined.

Payment will be made in certificates of indebtedness or such other funds the government may have for distribution.

The usual government inspection will be made just before the flour is received.

An oath of allegiance must accompany each bid.

No bid will be entertained from parties who have previously failed to comply with their bids, or from bidders not present to respond.

Bids to be directed to Col. A. BECKWITH, A. D. C. & C. S. U. S. A., Washington, D. C., and endorsed "Proposals for Flour." jy 1-td

PROPOSALS FOR HATS, CAPS, SHOES, DRY GOODS, &c.

HEADQUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF WASHINGTON,
Office of Chief Quartermaster, July 1, 1863.

Written proposals are invited for furnishing this Department, to be delivered in this city, the following articles, suitable for clothing contraband men, women, and children

Russett Brogans, and other serviceable Shoes, for men, women, and children's wear.

Chip, felt, and woolen Hats, and cloth Caps.

Ready-made hickory and check Shirts, and Denham Over alls.

Kerseys, linseys, ginghams, blankets, and other Woolen and Cotton Goods.

Samples should be sent with each bid, at the expense of the party forwarding the same.

No bids will be entertained unless satisfactory evidence can be furnished of the reliability and loyalty of the bidder.

Proposals will be opened from time to time, and contracts awarded as the interests of the service may require.

Good security will be required for the faithful fulfillment of any contract made under this advertisement.

Proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, and indorsed "Proposals for furnishing Dry Goods, &c."
ELIAS M. GREENE,
Lieutenant Colonel, Chief Quartermaster,
jy 2 1m Department of Washington.

PROPOSALS MAYOR'S OFFICE, July 2, 1863.

PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 12 o'clock on Saturday, the 12th instant, for grading and gravelling Eleventh (11) street, from Maryland avenue to Virginia avenue, the gravel to be of a quality to be approved by the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioers, the gravel to be nine inches in the centre, tapering down to four inches at the gutter line, to be well raked of stone of improper size, and to be rolled with a heavy reller.

Bidders will state the price per cubic yard for grading, and per square yard for gravelling. No part of the appropriation will be paid the contractor except upon the certificate of the Commissioner of the ward and Assistant Commisioners that the work has been properly executed.

JAS H. BIRCH,
Commissioner Seventh Ward.
CHARLES B CHURCH,
WILLIAM FENWICK,
jy 3 Assistant Commissioners.

PROPOSALS FOR CASES.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
WASHINGTON, June 22d, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Office, until 12 o'clock M. on SATURDAY, the first day of August next, for furnishing and Constructing the Cases for Models in the north saloon of the Patent Office building, including all materials and workmanship, except the iron pilasters of the lower tier of cases, the stairways and the railings. These will be furnished by the Government, but it will devolve upon the contractor to put them up.

These Cases will be similar in form and construction to those of the saloon of the west wing, but the lumber must be of the best quality, well seasoned, and free from knots and shakes, and the work must be done in the best and most workmanlike manner.

The contractor will be required to furnish the brass hinges and to fit them in; also to furnish locks like those of the present cases.

The whole work to be finished throughout with four coats of paint, composed of the best pure lead ground in oil. The glass must be equal in every respect to that of the cases in the West Saloon, and must be well bedded and bradded and left clean and whole on the completion of the contract.

The plans may be seen at the office of the Architect of the U. S. Capitol Extension, on the east Capitol Square every day, Sundays excepted, from 8 a. m. to 4 p. m.

The Commissioner reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids if he considers it to the interest of the Government to do so.

All bids must be addressed to the "Commissioner of Patents," and endorsed "Proposals for Cases for the U. S. Patent Office."

The said bids will be opened at 12 o'clock m. on the aforesaid first day of August, in the presence of such of the bidders as may see proper to attend.

jy 1-wtAu3 D. P. HOLLOWAY, Commis'r.

PROPOSALS FOR HAY, STRAW, AND GRAIN!

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
Forage Department, Cor. G and 22d streets,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 16, 1863.

WRITTEN PROPOSALS are invited for furnishing HAY, STRAW, OATS, and CORN, for the use of this Depot, to be delivered at the Railroad Depot, or at any of the Government wharves in this city.

The proposals to be addressed to the undersigned, and they should state the quantity of each article offered, also the price and the date delivery.

Proposals will be received for five thousand (5,000) bushels of Corn or Oats, and fifty (50) tons of Hay or Straw, and upwards, unless it should be for the interest of the Government to contract for a less amount.

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Payment to be made at the completion of the contract.
S. L. BROWN,
ap 17-3m Captain and A. Q. M. U. S. A.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON CITY, March 19, 1863.

Owners of steam vessels are invited to send to the Quartermaster General's Office tenders for their charter or sale.

Tenders should contain descriptions of the vessels, their dimensions, enrolled or registered tonnage, actual carrying capacity, material, whether coppered, whether side-wheel or propellers, whether iron or copper fastened, size and power of engines and boilers; and should state the price at which they are offered for long or short charter, with the estimated value of the vessel in case of loss, or in case the Government should prefer to purchase instead of chartering.

Owners of steam vessels already in the service of the Quartermaster's Department are requested to make known to the Department any reduction in their present rates which they may be willing to grant, and also the price at which they will be willing to sell them.

All such tenders should be addressed to the Quartermaster General of the United States, at Washington, and should be endorsed "Proposals for charter or sale of steamers."

When received, they will be considered, and the Department will endeavor to reduce the heavy expense attending army transportation upon the ocean and tide-waters, by substituting, wherever it can do so, cheaper vessels of equal capacity for those now employed.
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je 18-ee2w Pennsylvania avenue, Washington.

A CARD.—HAVING DISPOSED of my entire Plumbing, Gas and Steam Fitting Establishment (No. 500 Ninth street) to JOSEPH REYNOLDS & CO., of this city, I take great pleasure in recommending the new firm to my friends, customers, and the whole community; well knowing that good work, reasonable prices, fair dealing, and strict honesty will characterize all the transactions of this establishment. W. T. DOVE.

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The undersigned is now in receipt of two cargoes of assorted Lumber which will be sold cheap for cash at his Wood, Coal and Lumber Yard, corner 4½ street and the canal.
je 17-2w* GEO. L. SHERIFF.

WAR MAPS.

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" " " Harbor and St. Helena Sound,
Military and R. R. Map Southern States,
Coast Survey Maps of East and West Virginia,
Colton Map of Virginia and Maryland,
Seat of War in the West, showing the Mississippi river from Cairo to the Gulf, &c., &c., in cases, sheets and mounted on canvas. je 18

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, letters testamentary on the personal estate of Patrick Gibbons, late of Washington city, D. C., deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 23d day of June next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate.

Given under my hand this 23d day of June, 1863.
je 24-law3w* EDWARD BRENNAN, Executor.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That the subscriber has obtained from the Orphans' Court of Washington county, in the District of Columbia, letters of administration on the personal estate of Thomas Hughes, late of Washington city, D. C., deceased. All persons having claims against the said deceased are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the vouchers thereof, to the subscriber, on or before the 16th day of June next; they may otherwise by law be excluded from all benefit of the said estate. Given under my hand this 15th day of June, A. D. 1863. JNO. H SEMMES,
je 17-law3w* Administrator

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FROM SATURDAY'S "EXTRA STAR."

Congratulatory Address of President Lincoln Upon the Brilliant Successes of the Army of the Potomac.

The President has just issued the following congratulatory order:

WASHINGTON, July 4th—10 a. m., 1863.

The President announces to the country that news from the Army of the Potomac up to 10 p. m. of the 3d, is such as to cover that army with the highest honor, to promise a great success to the cause of the Union, and to claim the condolence of all for the many gallant fallen, and that for this he especially desires that on this day He whose will, not ours, should ever be done, be everywhere remembered and reverenced with profoundest gratitude. (Signed,) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

GREAT AND GLORIOUS NEWS!

THE UNION ARMS VICTORIOUS IN THE GREATEST BATTLE OF THE CENTURY!

After the last edition of yesterday's *Star* went to press official despatches reached Washington announcing that one of the most desperate battles of the war occurred on Thursday afternoon from 4.30 until 8.30 p. m., in which our General Zook and the rebel General Barksdale were killed. Prisoners invariably assert that Longstreet was also killed.

We take the following account of this great engagement from a special despatch to the New York *Times*, published in that journal's issue of yesterday afternoon:

At about 4½ p. m. the enemy sent his first compliments by a salvo of artillery, his first shell falling uncomfortably near Gen. Meade's headquarters. From this hour forth to 8½ o'clock occurred by all odds, the most sanguinary and bloody engagement yet chronicled in the annals of the war, considering its short duration.

The artillery attack which was made by the enemy chiefly on the left and centre, was rapidly followed by the advance of his infantry. The Third Corps received the attack with great coolness. The Rebels at once made an attempt to get on our flank, and kept moving heavy columns in that direction. This necessitated support which was quickly given by the Fifth Corps, the division of Gen. Barnes' being sent to the right and that of Gen. Ayres (regulars) to the left, with Gen. Crawford in reserve.

The battle now became terribly fearful. The armies engaged each other at a very short range, and for three long hours the roar of musketry was incessant. I have heard more noises, louder crashes in other battles, but I never saw or heard of such desperate, tenacious fighting as took place on this flank. The enemy would often bring up suddenly a heavy column of men and force our line back, only to be in turn forced back by our own line of glittering steel.

Our gallant columns covered themselves with glory over and over again. They fought a superior force in numbers; the dispositions of the enemy were very rapid, for look where you would on that field, a body of rebels would be advancing. Our dispositions were equally rapid, and the enemy found more than their equal in such gallant veterans as Sickles, and Birney and Humphrey's. At 6½ General Sickles was struck in the right leg by a piece of shell and borne from the field The injury was so great that amputation became necessary, and it was performed successfully, the limb being taken off below the knee.

The struggle grew hotter and hotter, and many of our regiments, small enough before melted away into almost nothing. The Second Corps was called on for aid, and though its own position was strongly threatened, yet the First Division, formerly General Hancock's, flung themselves into the fight with desperation, and after a long and obstinate conflict, the enemy slowly and sullenly gave way. In this last charge the brigade of General Caldwell, Second Corps, and that of Col. Sweitzer, from the Fifth Corps, won great honors.

The charges made by our men deserve mention, but want of time forbids. The rebels made frequent attempts to capture our artillery; and at one time had Watson's battery in their possession, but it was retaken in a furious charge by Birney's division.

The battle lasted till fully half-past 8 o'clock, when the enemy fell back to his old position, and left our veterans the ensanguined victors of that field. Our pickets were thrown out, and our lines covered the most of the field, including great numbers of the enemy's dead and wounded. I visited some portions of the line by moonlight, and can bear personal witness to the terrible ferocity of the battle.

A great and magnificent feature of this fight is the splendid and extensive use of artillery. Though our line was only a mile and a half long, yet almost every battery belonging to the Army of the Potomac was more or less engaged. Every one of the Reserve batteries was brought into action, the positions for use being numerous.

The enemy also used artillery largely, but not to near so great an extent as we did. From this they suffered immensely, especially on the left, where canister was largely used. I believe we lost no artillery, unless it was two or three disabled pieces, though it was very wonderful we did not, considering how the enemy's forces were piled on to them. Some of their skirmishers were literally blown away from the muzzles of our guns.

Our losses at this hour cannot be computed. For the two days' fighting they must reach 10,000. We mourn the loss of many valuable officers, but they have been amply revenged in the hecatombs of rebel dead who lie piled along our lines.

The enemy withdrew his force from the city of Gettysburg yesterday, and occupies it now only with skirmishers. Our skirmishers advanced into it a short distance last night, and now hold considerably more than they did.

Capt. Dahlgren, volunteer aid to Gen. Pleasanton, made a daring scout into Hagerstown yesterday with twenty picked men, and captured more prisoners than he had men in his party. He also captured a dispatch bearer from Jeff Davis to Lee, with despatches of the greatest importance, the nature of which cannot to-day be properly disclosed. They have an important bearing on "coming events."

L. L. CROUNSE.

On withdrawing from the field Lee left his dead and wounded in our possession.

The night was passed by our glorious veterans in confident preparations for the deadly conflict that seemed likely to be renewed at daybreak yesterday.

At four a. m., as was expected, our artillery opened fire along the whole line, and a hot engagement began, which continued until half past one p. m., with, as far as is now known here, invariable success on our side, though the rebels fought with terrible desperation and obstinacy, assuming the offensive early in the action, and expending themselves in many fruitless assaults of greater or less magnitude until prepared for their last grand and most fruitless effort of the day, which General Meade narrates in his dispatch of 8.30 p. m., which is as follows:

Official Dispatch of General Meade.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, July 3d, 8.35 p. m., near Gettysburg.—*Major General Halleck, General-in-Chief:* The enemy opened at 1 p. m. from about 150 guns, concentrated upon my left centre, continuing without intermission for about three hours, at the expiration of which time he assaulted my left centre twice, being upon both occasions handsomely repulsed with severe loss to him, leaving in our hands nearly 3,000 prisoners.

Among the prisoners is Brig. Gen. Armistead and many colonels and officers of lower rank. The enemy left many dead upon the field and a large number of wounded in our hands.

The loss upon our side has been considerable. Major General Hancock and Brigadier General Gibbon are wounded.

After the repelling of the assault, indications leading to the belief that the enemy might be withdrawing, an armed reconnoissance was pushed forward from the left, and the enemy found to be in force.

At the present hour all is quiet.

My cavalry have been engaged all day on both flanks of the enemy, harrassing and vigorously attacking him with great success, notwithstanding they encountered superior numbers, both of cavalry and infantry.

The army is in fine spirits.

GEORGE G. MEADE,
Major General Commanding.

We have to add that unofficial, though reliable, information to the same hour—8.30 p m.—has also been received here. These various accounts speak of yesterday's battle as having been decisive, rendering Lee's retreat apparently absolutely certain unless willing to risk the annihilation of the remnant of his army. Without being able to pronounce upon the justice of this belief, which was general last evening in our army, we have to say that all accounts so far received here, official as well as unofficial, strengthen the hope of its correctness.

Though our loss has been heavy, especially in officers, that of the enemy has been terrific, evidently largely exceeding ours.

From the information before us we are not prepared to believe that Lee will venture to renew a general engagement on this glorious 4th of July, 1863, if he did not get into a full retreat for the Potomac some time last night, with what is left of his army; the recollections of the day, as well as of their great successes of the two previous days, being such as while they must doubly arm our gallant troops for another day's terrific fighting, if Lee remains competent to venture it, they must at the same time operate to the signal disadvantage of the rebels' possibility of success.

We need hardly add that, taken as a whole, the terrific battles of yesterday and the day before are victories for the glorious cause of the Union worthy of the history and memory of this sacred day on which they thus become known here.

The following are among the casualties reported:

Generals Zook, Weed and Paul killed. Generals Sickles, Barlow, Graham and Warren wounded.

Generals Ward and Barnes slightly wounded.

Col. Edward E. Cross, 5th N. H., very severely wounded.

Col. Revere, 20th Mass., badly wounded.

Col. Ward, 15th Mass., wounded in both legs.

Col. Thomas, 59th N. Y., breast, severely.

The Colonel of the 26th Ind. and the Colonel of the 124th N. Y. were both killed.

Col. Willard, 125th N. Y., was killed while gallantly rallying his command.

Col. Vincent, 83d Pa., commanding brigade Fifth Corps, severely in thigh.

Col. Prescott, 32d Mass., and Lt. Col. Stevenson, same regiment, both wounded.

Col. Sewell, 5th N. J., severely wounded.

Major Laurie, 52d Pa., killed.

Major Baird, of Gen. Gibbon's staff, has lost a foot.

Lieut. Brown, Battery B, R. I. artillery, wounded; Lieut. Col. Houston, 82d N. Y., do.; Major Lee, 3d Me., arm off; Lieuts. Cawgill and Patton, 20th Mass., both wounded—latter slightly; Lieut. Mallon, 42d N. Y., wounded severely; Col. Baxter, 72d Pa., wounded; Capt. Whitehouse, 16th Me., killed; Capt. Sell, 83d Pa., lost a leg; Lieut. Hazlitt, Battery D, 5th regular artillery, reported killed; Lieut. Watson, Battery I, 5th artillery, wounded; Capt. Duffy, 69th Pa., killed; Major Randolph, Chief of Artillery Third Corps, wounded shoulder; Capt. D. R. Ransom, 3d regular artillery, wounded; Lieut. Aiken, 1st regular artillery, seriously wounded. Capt. Freedly, 12th infantry, severely wounded.

This is only a small portion of the casualties among the officers

THE FIGHT ON THURSDAY.

THE ENEMY REPULSED AT ALL POINTS.

HEAVY LOSSES ON BOTH SIDES.

Brigadier Gen'ls Paul and Zook Killed—Generals Sickles, Barton, Graham and Warren Wounded—Gen. Barksdale, of Mississippi, Killed—The Rebel General Longstreet Reported Killed—Gen. Lee Concentrating His Whole Force.

Official Dispatches from General Meade.

An official dispatch was received here yesterday afternoon from Major General Meade, dated:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE POTOMAC, July 2, 11 o'clock p. m.—The enemy attacked me about four o'clock this afternoon, and after one of the severest contests of the war, was repulsed at all points.

We have suffered considerably in killed and wounded.

Among the killed are Brig. Gen. Paul and Zook, and among the wounded Gens. Sickles Barton, Graham and Warren, slightly.

We have taken a large number of prisoners.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

A later dispatch has been received from Maj. Gen. Meade, dated at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, which says:

"The action commenced again at early daylight upon various parts of the field. The enemy thus far have made no impression upon my position.

All accounts agree in placing the entire Rebel army in position in our front. The prisoners we have taken report that Longstreet's and A. P. Hill's forces were much injured yesterday, and many General officers killed. The dead body of Gen. Barksdale, of Mississippi, is within our lines.

"We have thus far about sixteen hundred prisoners, and a small numer are yet to be started."

[This number of prisoners, sixteen hundred, is as stated in General Meade's official dispatch. He may possibly mean that they were captured in the fight of Thursday night and Friday morning, or the previous statements of correspondents may have been exaggerated.]

IMPORTANT FROM HAGERSTOWN.

REINFORCEMENTS FOR LEE MOVING FROM WILLIAMSPORT VIA THE OLD GREENCASTLE TURNPIKE.

We have information from Hagerstown as late as yesterday morning, to the effect that reinforcements for Lee were being hurried up from Williamsport, *via* the old Greencastle turnpike.

There is a report at headquarters that a considerable force of Confederate cavalry were at Gum Springs, in Loudon county, yesterday, but the fact that Moseby's cavalry were at Hagerstown on Thursday—of which we have certain information—throws doubt on the story of the presence of rebel cavalry in Loudon county.

ROSECRANS' IMPORTANT SUCCESS.

The capture of the enemy's strong position of Tullahoma, Tenn., and its full occupation by our army under Rosecrans, official news of which last event has reached here, is an event of signal importance—worthy, indeed, of announcement on this glorious day.

It is the key to the possession of East Tennessee, and the point in front of Chattanooga for which the two great armies in that region have so long contended.

It necessitates that Bragg's army shall quickly retreat to the fastnesses of Chattanooga, releasing the large arms bearing Union population of East Tennessee to co-operate hereafter most effectively, we trust, with our gallant troops under Rosecrans.

LATE AND MOST IMPORTANT FROM RICHMOND.

We have news from Richmond up to the day before yesterday morning, when 950 Union prisoners (taken from Milroy in the Valley) left there on a flag of truce boat, to be exchanged. At that time there were no rebel troops there except the few manning the works. The citizens were being assembled every afternoon at three o'clock for drill. The fear of Dix's rumored approach was universal there. Our informant, an intelligent and experienced member of our quartermaster's department, estimates that, as now defended, the city will easily fall, if vigorously assailed.

VICKSBURG.

Information received here of late justifies us in the strong hope that Gen. Grant will dine to-day in Vicksburg.

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WAR DEPARTMENT.
ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, June 29, 1863.

General Orders, No. 195.

The Adjutant General will provide an appropriate medal of honor for the troops who, after the expiration of their term, have offered their services to the Government in the present emergency, and also for the volunteer troops from other States that have volunteered their service in the States of Pennsylvania and Maryland.

By order of the Secretary of War.
E. D. TOWNSEND,
je 30 Assistant Adjutant General.

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