THE EVENING STAR.

The Care of the Eyes.

Until one begins to feel the effect of impaired vision he can hardly estimate the value of the eyesight; and, consequently, from ignorance or carelessness, he is apt to neglect a few simple precautions, by the observance of which his eyesight might be preserved. First, never use a writing desk or table with your face towards a window. In such cases the rays of light come directly upon the pupil of the eyes; and, causing an unnatural and forced contraction thereof, soon permanently injure the sight. Next, when your table or desk is near a window, sit so that your face turns from, not towards, the window while you are writing. If your face it towards the window, the oblique rays strike the eye and injure it nearly as much as the direct rays when you sit in front of the window. It is best always to sit or stand while reading or writing with the window behind you, and next to that with the light coming over your left side; then the light illumes the paper or book, and does not shine abruptly upon the eye-ball. The same remarks are applicable to artificial light. We are often asked what is the best light—gas, candles, oil, or camphene? Our answer is, it is immaterial which, provided the light of either be strong enough and do not flicker. A gas fish-tail burner should never be used for reading or writing, because there is a constant oscillation or flickering of the flame. Candles, unless they have self-consuming wicks, which do not require snuffing, should not be used. We need scarcely say that oil wicks, when crust over, and thus diminish the light, are good for nothing; and the same is true of compounds of the nature of camphene, unless the wicks are properly trimmed of all their gummy deposit after standing twenty-four hours. But whatever the artificial light used, let it strike the paper or book which you are using, whenever you can, from over the left shoulder. This can always be done with gas, for that light is strong enough, and so is the light from camphene, oil, &c., provided it comes through a circular burner like the argand. But the light whatever it be, should always be protected from the air in the room by a glass chimney, so that the light may be steady.

CUSTARD PUDDING.—Mix a pint of milk, the yolks of five eggs, and a little orange-flower water, with half a teacupful of flour and some pounded cinnamon: pour it into a buttered basin, and tie a floured cloth over it; put it into boiling water, and in half an hour it will be done.

OFFICIAL.

Headquarters First Army Corps, Washington, D. C., Dec. 3, 1864.

CIRCULAR NO. 2.

In reply to the numerous letters of inquiry from persons desiring to enter the 1st Corps, now being raised, the following is communicated as embodying all the information yet obtained.

I—AS TO ENLISTED MEN.

1. All enlistments and musters in are to be made in this city.

2. Any Veteran, who has served two years, has been honorably discharged, and is physically qualified, may enlist in the Corps for one, two or three years.

3. Those enlisting will receive from the Government a bounty of $300 as soon as they are mustered in, and, in addition, the regular instalments from the Government, in proportion to the period of enlistment, as follows: $100 for one year's service, one-third paid on enlistment; $200 for two years' service, one-third on enlistment; $300 for three years' service, one-third on enlistment.

4. They will be credited to the quota of the district in which they or their families may be domiciled and will, therefore, be entitled to local bounties.

5. Free transportation will be furnished them to Washington by any Provost Marshal. It is only necessary that the applicant should satisfy the Provost Marshal that he comes under the provision of paragraph 2, and that the application is made in good faith.

6. On arriving in Washington and reporting at the Soldiers' Rest, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Depot, Veterans will be cared for and enlisted and paid promptly. They will be sent to the camp of organization, Camp Cliffburne, and will be formed into companies and regiments as they arrive—personal preferences being regarded when the good of the service will permit.

7. The best arms in the possession of the Government will be furnished these troops, and they will be allowed to retain their arms when honorably discharged.

II—AS TO OFFICERS.

1. Persons desiring Commissions must make written applications to the Adjutant General of the army, setting forth their Post office address, the date of original entry into service, and with what rank, the organization in which service was rendered, the date and cause of discharge, and the rank at the time of discharge. Testimonials from commanders may accompany such applications.

2. Should the papers be favorably considered, the applicants will be severally notified, by mail or telegraph, when to appear before the Examining Board established by the War Department, and will receive appointments to such grades as the War Department may determine.

3. As soon as the letters of appointment are given, officers may be detailed to secure the enlistment of a certain number of Veterans—their commissions, with rank and pay from date of acceptance of appointment, being given when the men are secured. It should be understood that the enlistments are to be consummated here, and an officer can do no more than to use his influence in persuading the men to come here and enlist.

Officers awaiting action on their papers can occupy the time in this way, and collect parties and send them on, securing a statement as to the number from the Provost Marshal. The proper credit will in all cases be given such officers.

The actual and necessary expenses of such officers will be refunded to them.

By order of Major General Hancock.

FINLEY ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.
de 7-tf

The First Corps—Notice to Veterans.

HEADQUARTERS 1ST ARMY CORPS, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 1, 1864.

Veterans desiring to enlist in the 1st Army Corps, to be organized under the recent order of the War Department, should report in person at the office of Col. C. F. Johnson, Soldiers' Rest, Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Depot, Washington. They will then be conducted to the barracks, where they will be critically examined, and, if found duly qualified, immediately mustered into the service.

By order of Major General Hancock.

FINLEY ANDERSON,
Assistant Adjutant General.
dec 3-tf

HORSES! HORSES! HORSES!

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, FIRST DIVISION, WASHINGTON, Dec. 1, 1864.

HORSES, suitable for Cavalry and Artillery service, will be purchased at Giesboro Depot, in open market, till DECEMBER 31, 1864.

Horses will be delivered to Captain L. Lowry Moore, A. Q. M., and be subjected to the usual Government inspection before being accepted.

Price of Cavalry Horses $175 each.
Price of Artillery Horses $180 each.
Payment will be made for six (6) and more.

JAMES A. EKIN,
Colonel in charge First Division,
Quartermaster General's Office.
dec2-2tt

COAL AT $10.50 PER TON—Subscription books will close December 15. The price to stockholders is $10.50 per ton of 2,000 pounds. Price to the public is $13.50 per ton of 2,240 pounds, delivered at the house, payable $5 on giving the order and the balance on delivery of the coal. Office, No. 500 Seventh street, next to Ballantyne's Bookstore, up stairs. Open from 12 to 5 o'clock.
nov 26-2w

DUFOUR'S STRATEGY AND TACTICS. Duparcq's Military Art and History. Halleck's Military Art and Science. MacDougall's Campaigns of Hannibal; London. Leslie on the Employment of Light Troops; London. Jervis' Manual of Field Operations; London. Szabad's Modern War. Yates on Strategy; London. Jomini's Campaign of Waterloo. Jomini's Art of War. Schalk's Art of War. Schalk's Campaigns of 1862 and 1863. Marmont's Spirit of Military Institutions. [nov 30] FRANCK TAYLOR.

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FROM LONDON—Porter's History of the Knights of Malta, 2 vols; England and France under the house of Lancaster; Forster's Oliver Cromwell, De Foe, Steele, Churchill and Foote; Napier's Lord Bacon and Sir Walter Raleigh; Cardinal Wiseman's Recollection of the last four Popes; The Two Sieges of Vienna; Borrow's Gipsies of Spain; Greek History from Plutarch; Macaulay's Biographies; Lullow's British India, 2 vol; Hossck on Rights of Neutrals; Luke's Manual of Geology; Page's Hand Book of Geological Terms. [oc29] FRANCK TAYLOR.

MEDICAL BOOKS.—Druitt's Surgery; Dalton's Physiology; Dungison's Medical Dictionary; Draper's Physiology; Ellis' Medical Formulary; Erichsen's Surgery; Ludlow's Manual of Examinations; Neill & Smith's Compendium, Thomas' Pronouncing Medical Dictionary; Gray's Anatomy; Woods' Practice, 2 vols.; Woods' Therapeutics, 2 vols.
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PERSONAL.

DR. DARBY can be consulted, confidentially, either personally or by letter, at 492 7th st., between D and E. Those who have been unfortunate hitherto in their selection of a physician should call on him. dec 10-1m*

W. O. BALDWIN, M. D., PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON, 435 11th street, between G and H.
dec 9-tf

MADAM AHOLIAB, an impressed medium, still continues to read the past, present, and future with great accuracy, and is able to advise with safety in all matters of importance. No. 249 C street, between 4½ and 6th sts., Island.
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DR. BACKER, THE MOST WONDERFUL ASTROLOGER, No. 470 9th street, between D and E, (up stairs,) gives full and thorough information concerning all affairs through life, with and in regard to Health, Wealth and Marriage, Love Affairs, Journeys, Law Suits, Absent Friends, Sickness and Death. Dr. Backer can be consulted from 7 in the morning till 8 in the evening. d 3-1m*

MADAM MASHA IS STILL AT HER RESIdence, 403 K street, between 9th and 10th streets; is prepared to read the past, present and future events, and is qualified to give counsel to old and young on all important matters. no 30-1m*

DR. EDWIN V. WRIGHT, Psychometrist; and MRS. WRIGHT, Clairvoyant Physician, who "Heals" by "laying on hands," can be consulted at 494 12th st. Mrs. W. has an important discovery (speciality) of great value to ladies. nov 29-1m*

THE BEST EVIDENCE THAT PRINCE, 381 F street, is the *only* practical STAMPER in the District, is that he daily has to do over work that is botched at other so-called Stamping places. He has the largest and finest assortment of Patterns ever offered here. Making his own Patterns, he is able and willing to stamp any pattern brought him. nov 23-tf

DR. LEON, Office 420 Penn'a avenue, between 4½ and 6th streets, Offers a certain and speedy cure, of GONORRHEA, GLEET, BUBO, SYPHILIS, STRICTURE, SEMINAL WEAKNESS, INFLAMED BLADDER, WHITES, SUPPRESSION OF THE MENSES, DISEASE OF THE LUNGS, LIVER, KIDNEYS, AND SPLEEN; SORE EYES, SORE THROAT, &c., &c.

Having had many years experience in the practice of those diseases the doctor bids defiance to all competition in their treatment and cure.

Recent cases of venereal diseases cured in one or two days. Ladies and gentlemen can consult him at his office from 9 to 4 o'clock daily. no19-1m*

MRS. L. SMITH, with her extraordinary powers to describe your living and dead friends, give the names of both, tells character, the future, examines all kinds diseases, will give sittings at 252 4th street, five doors above I street. Hours from 10 till 8 p. m. Circle Wednesday evenings. s28-3m*

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THE MOST POPULAR CLOTHING HOUSE IS SMITH, BROS. & CO., 40 West Baltimore street, Baltimore.

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Do not fail to come to SMITH, BROS. CO. to get your Clothing. 40 West Baltimore street.

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The only house in Baltimore or Washington that sponge all their Goods. SMITH, BROS. & CO., 40 West Baltimore street.

All Discharged Soldiers in Washington are offered a discount of 10 per cent. by buying of us. SMITH, BROS. & CO., 40 West Baltimore street.

Discharged Soldiers can save twenty dollars on a Suit by buying of SMITH, BROS. & CO., 40 West Baltimore st., Baltimore, Md.

It will pay all to come to Baltimore to buy your CLOTHING. SMITH, BROS & CO., Merchant Tailors and Clothiers.

Be sure and come to SMITH, BROS. & CO., Marble Hall Clothing House, 40 West Baltimore street, to get your Fall and Winter Clothing. SMITH, BROS. & CO., Merchant Tailors and Clothiers, 40 West Baltimore street.

Peg top PANTS, French and English WALKING COATS, Peltoe's fancy and plain SACKS; also, the new style SACKATEL, the prettiest coat out. All in endless varieties at SMITH, BROS. & CO.'S Popular Marble Hall Clothing House, 40 West Baltimore street. sep 24-3m

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CIRCULAR NO. 5, has just been issued. Send for a copy to the SALEM LEG COMPANY, Salem, Mass.

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Would respectfully inform their Friends and the Public, that they will open On MONDAY, October 17, 1864, A fine and new assortment of LADIES, GENTLEMEN, MISSES, BOYS, AND CHILDREN'S BOOTS AND SHOES, made up in the Latest and most Fashionable style.

We will sell at reasonable prices, and hope, by strict attention and integrity, to merit a fair share of the Public patronage.

Particular attention has been paid to the Ladies' Department of the business, and we can safely boast of one of the finest assortment of LADIES' BOOTS AND SHOES in the city.

CHAS. B. BAYLY & CO.,
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TWO NEW SEVEN-OCTAVE FIRST CLASS ROSEWOOD CASE PIANOS, with all the latest improvements, and from a first class maker, are on exhibition at McGUIRE & CO'S, corner 10th and D streets. They are offered at private sale, for two days. These Pianos are worth the attention of parties in want of a first class instrument, and will be sold at a moderate price, with all the usual privileges, and warranted for five years.

Second-hand Pianos will be taken in part for payment. de 5-2t*

LARGE MAP OF GEORGIA.—Compiled under the direction of the General Assembly; one copy only; backed with cotton. Also, a large Map of South Carolina. For sale by
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DENTISTRY.

DENTISTRY.—Drs. LOCKWOOD & MERRILL, Dentists, Room No. 2, Washington Building, corner Penna. avenue and 7th street. nov 30-1m*

DR. T. B. FRAYSER, DENTIST, TENDERS his Professional services to the public, and will give his undivided attention to the treatment of all Diseases of the Teeth. Teeth inserted from one to an entire set, at the shortest notice, with little or no pain. Call early and see that your teeth are secured from the ravages of disease.

No charge made for examination or professional advice.

Office No. 423 Seventh st. nov 10-2w*

DENTISTRY.—Dr. W. F. MARSHALL, Dentist, No. 234 Pennsylvania avenue, second door from 13th street, attends to all branches of the profession. oc 13-2m*

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I would advise all persons having teeth to extract to call at Dr. LEWIE'S office, and have them taken out by this new and harmless process. Also call and examine the Doctor's new and improved method of Inserting Artificial Teeth. If you once see the great improvement in his teeth you will have them in no other style than this new and valuable one. No. 942, Pa. avenue, between 12th and 13th streets.

nov13 S. R. LEWIE, M. D., Dentist.

TEETH.

M. LOOMIS, M. D., the Inventor and Patentee of the MINERAL PLATE TEETH, attends personally at his office in this city. Many persons can wear these teeth who cannot wear others, and no person can wear others who cannot wear these.

Persons calling at my office can be accommodated with any style and price of Teeth they may desire, but to those who are particular and wish the purest cleanest, strongest, and most perfect denture that art can produce, the MINERAL PLATE will be more fully warranted.

Rooms in this city—No 338 Pennsylvania avenue between 9th and 10th streets. Also, 907 Arch st., Philadelphia. mar4-1y

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR DYEING CLOTHING.

Chief Quartermaster's Office, Depot of Washington, Washington, D. C., December 10, 1864.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until SATURDAY, December 17, 1864, at 12 o'clock m., for dyeing the following kinds and quantities of clothing, viz:

ABOUT 2,500 GREAT COATS, 1,200 UNIFORM COATS, AND 500 JACKETS.

All of the above-mentioned clothing to be dyed Black; the dyeing to be completed, and the clothing returned to Captain D. G. Thomas, M. S. K., at Government Warehouse No. 6, on 17th, between H and I streets north, within thirty (30) days from date of contract.

Bonds will be required for the safe and prompt return of the clothing and the faithful performance of the contract, at the time of signing the same.

All dyeing done under contracts given to the successful bidders to be rigidly inspected by an inspector appointed on the part of the Government.

Proposals must be plainly endorsed "Proposals for Dyeing Clothing," and addressed to the undersigned.

D. H. RUCKER,
Brig. Gen. and Chief Quartermaster,
Depot of Washington, D. C.
de 10-d

PROPOSALS FOR STATIONERY.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, November 30th, 1864.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the Post Office Department until the 31st day of December, 1864, at 12 o'clock, at noon, for furnishing Stationery for this Department for one year, from the first day of January, 1865. Those unaccompanied by satisfactory testimonials of ability to fulfil a contract will not be considered.

All articles must be of the very best quality, samples of which, containing at least a ream of each kind of paper, must accompany the bids, and the Department reserves the right to retain and pay for the same at the price stated in the offer, or to return them at its option.

No bid will be considered where the articles accompanying it are not of the kind and quality required by the Department, and spurious articles will subject the entire bid to rejection, at the pleasure of the Department.

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

Estimated quantity for the year.

18 reams folio post, satin or plain finish, faint lined and trimmed, to weigh not less than 17 pounds per ream
40 reams foolscap, plain, machine, faint lined and trimmed, to weigh not less than 12 pounds per ream
10 reams foolscap, blue laid, faint lined, garden pattern, commonly known as despatch or consular paper, to weigh not less than 15 pounds per ream
126 reams quarto post, machine, plain, faint lined, three sides, per ream
3 reams best double cap paper, plain, per ream
10 reams note paper, gilt, per ream, large size
5 reams note paper, plain, per ream, large size
10 reams note paper, gilt, per ream small size
5 reams note paper, plain, per ream, small size
100 reams envelope paper, yellow and buff, royal, per ream
20 reams blotting paper, royal, per ream
25 gross Perry & Gillott's best metallic pens, per gross
40 gross metallic pens, of other manufactures, per gross
2 gross large barrel pen handles, rosewood, per gross
2 gross small barrel pen handles, rosewood, per gross
6 gross steel tipped pen handles, per gross
500 opaque quills, No. 80, per M
25 dozen Faber's best black lead pencils, graduated, per dozen
25 dozen Monroe's or other manufactured, graduated, per dozen
10 dozen best red and blue pencils, per dozen
20 dozen folders, ivory, 9 inch, per dozen
500 dozen red linen tape, assorted, per dozen
10 dozen silk taste, colors and widths, in hanks, per dozen
20 dozen paper weights, asserted, per dozen
1 dozen best gold pens, assorted, per dozen
6 dozen erasers, Rodger's and Sons, ivory handles, genuine, per dozen
8 dozen penknives, Rodger's & Sons, four blades, buck horn handles, genuine, per dozen
4 dozen office shears, 11 inches, per dozen
4 dozen office scissors, per dozen
12 dozen inkstands, Draper's patent moveable tops, per dozen
4 dozen inkstands, cast-iron, large double, per dozen
2 dozen inkstands, cast-iron, large single, per dozen
2 dozen bronze spring top inkstands, per dozen
200 bottles of ink, black, Maynard & Noyes', in quart bottles, per bottle
75 dozen ink, Cooper & Phillips', or equal, per quart bottle
100 bottles ink, red, Arnolds', or equal, in ½ pint bottles, per bottle
75 pounds sealing wax, best extra superfine, scarlet, per pound
20 pounds India rubber, prepared, per pound
5 pounds India rubber, unprepared, per pound
300 quarts black sand, per quart
400 pounds twine, linen, per pound
100 pounds twine, cotton, per pound
6 dozen rulers, mahogany, round or flat, per dozen
2 dozen lignumvitae, per dozen
5 pounds sponge, best, per pound
10 pounds gum arabic, best, per pound
5,000 extra large size white adhesive envelopes, very smooth and thick, 9½ by 4½ inches square, per hundred
1,000 small size white note adhesive envelopes, per hundred
2,000 large size white note adhesive envelopes, per hundred
3,000 letter size white adhesive envelopes, per hundred
25,000 long buff adhesive envelopes, very smooth and thick, 9½ by 3⅞ inches, per hundred
25,000 long white or buff adhesive envelopes, very smooth and thick, for letters and circulars, 8¾ by 3½ inches, per hundred
3,000 buff or white adhesive letter envelopes, very smooth and thick, per hundred.

The adhesive envelopes must be thickly gummed, a fourth of an inch wide round the lappels.

Each bidder must furnish with his proposals a sample, and but one sample, of each article bid for.

Each article must be bid for, and no more than one price named for any one article.

Bids not fully conforming to the advertisement will not be considered.

The terms and conditions of the advertisement for stationery are to be incorporated in the contract for stationery; and the heads of the Department will, in all cases, judge whether the articles tendered by the contractor are of the quality required by the contract.

The stationery is to be furnished as it may be ordered by the Department, and at the contract prices, whether the quantities exceed or fall short of those estimated.

Each proposal must be signed by the individual or firm making it, and must specify a price, *and but one price*, for each and every article named in the schedule. Should any articles be required which are not enumerated, they are to be furnished at the lowest market prices, if the Department shall see fit to order them from the contractor having the contract for similar articles; and if the contractors and the Department do not agree, then the Department may have the article furnished by any other person or persons who will furnish it at a price lower than that demanded by the contractor.

Blank forms for proposals will be furnished at the Department to persons applying for them; and, as without uniformity therein the Department would find it difficult to make a decision, none will be taken into consideration unless substantially agreeing therewith.

The head of the Department will in all cases decide whether the terms of the contract have been complied with, and reserves the power to annul the contract upon any failure to comply in a reasonable time.

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

The contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder; the best bid to be determined after a careful examination for the purpose of ascertaining which bid will, in its practical results, be most advantageous to the Department.

The Department reserves to itself the right to reject any bid where it is apparent that a part of the articles are bid for at very low and a part at very high rates, without proper regard to the cost of each for the purpose of affecting the aggregate of the bids under the estimate contained in the advertisement.

W. DENNISON,
dec 1-law4w Postmaster General.

FRESH BUCKWHEAT FLOUR. —ALSO— HONEY SYRUP. Just received. KING & BURCHELL, oc 19 Corner I street and Vermont avenue.

CAPTAIN BRAND, OF THE "CENTIPEDE" His Loves and Exploits. By Capt. H. A. Wise U. S. N., with illustrations; $1.50.
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PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR PINE LUMBER.

Chief Quartermaster's Office, Depot of Washington, Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, 1864.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until Friday, December 16, 1864, at 12 o'clock m., for delivery at this depot, of 100,000 feet ¾ inch Pine Boards, planed on one side, and to be of the best quality.

Proposals should be addressed to the undersigned, endorsed on the envelope "Proposals for Pine Lumber."

D. H. RUCKER,
Brig. Gen. and Chief Quartermaster,
de 7-td Depot of Washington.

PROPOSALS FOR FRESH BEEF.

OFFICE DEPOT COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15, 1864.

Sealed Proposals, in *duplicate*, will be received at this office, until December 15, 1864, at 11 o'clock a. m., for furnishing FRESH BEEF to our troops and prisoners at Lookout, Md., at such times and in such quantities as the Commissary of Subsistence at that point may require.

The Beef must be of good quality, and of equal proportions of fore and hind quarters. Necks, Shanks, and Kidney Tallow will not be received on the contract. It will be subject to the inspection of the Commissary of Subsistence, or such other officer as may be designated. The contractor must cut off the necks of the cattle slaughtered for Beef at the fourth vertebra joint, and trim the breast down. The Shanks of the fore quarters must be cut off four inches above the knee joint, and from the hind quarters from six to eight inches above the back joint.

The bids will state the price per net pound at which the beef will be furnished; and the bidders must be present at the opening of the proposals, to respond to their names.

The contract will be for six months from the first day of January, 1865.

Proposals must be in the following form:

I, ——, hereby offer to deliver to the Subsistence Department of the United States such Fresh Beef, of the quality described in this advertisement, as I may from time to time be required to furnish, at — cents per pound net weight. I inclose herewith my affidavit that I am not interested, directly or indirectly, in any bid offered, except the one to which I have signed my name.

(Signed.) ——.

To this proposal must be attached the following FORM OF GUARANTY.

We, ——, of the county of ——, and State of ——, do hereby guarantee that —— is able to fulfill the contract in accordance with the terms of his bid, and that if his bid is accepted he will at once enter into contract, and that we will become his security, or a bond, in the sum of ten thousand dollars, for the performance of his contract in conformity with the terms of his Proposal.

Given under our hands and seals, this —— day of December, 1864.

Witness: (Signed) ——. [Seal.]
Witness: (Signed) ——. [Seal.]

The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of a United States District Attorney, clerk of a District Court, or of a United States Judge.

I hereby certify that from evidence entirely satisfactory to me, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient sureties for the amount for which they offer to be security.

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To which each guarantor must make and append the following oath:

"State of ——, county of ——, before me, ——, a —— in and for the county and State aforesaid, personally appeared ——, one of the sureties on the guaranty of ——, who, being duly sworn, deposes and says that he is worth, over and above all just debts and liabilities, the sum of ten thousand dollars.

Subscribed and sworn before me, the —— day of ——, 1864, at ——. ——.

(Signed) ——.

An oath of allegiance must accompany each bid, unless the bidder has one on file in this office. No Proposals from persons who have failed to fulfil their contracts with this Department will be received, nor will bids of disloyal persons be considered.

Bids must be endorsed "Proposals for Beef," and addressed to the undersigned, who reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

G. BELL,
dec 6 5t Lieutenant Colonel and C. S.

PROPOSALS FOR FORAGE.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON DEPOT, Dec. 8, 1864.

Sealed Proposals are invited by the undersigned for supplying the U. S. Quartermaster's Department, at Washington, D. C., Baltimore, Md., Alexandria, and Fort Monroe, Va., or either of these places, with Hay, Corn, Oats and Straw.

Bids will be received for the delivery of 5,000 bushels of corn or oats and 50 tons of hay or straw, and upwards.

Bidders must state at which of the above-named points they propose to make deliveries, and the rates at which they will make deliveries thereat, the quantity of each article proposed to be delivered, the time when said deliveries shall be commenced, and when to be completed.

The price must be written out in words on the bids.

Corn to be up in good stout sacks, of about two bushels each. Oats in like sacks of about three bushels each. The sacks to be furnished without extra charge to the Government. The hay and straw to be securely baled.

The particular kind or description of oats, corn, hay or straw proposed to be delivered must be stated in the proposals.

All the articles offered under the bids herein invited will be subject to a rigid inspection by the Government Inspector before being accepted.

Contracts will be awarded from time to time to the lowest responsible bidder, as the interest of the Government may require and payment will be made when the whole amount contracted for shall have been delivered and accepted.

The bidder will be required to accompany his proposals with a guaranty, signed by two responsible persons that in case his bid is accepted he or they will, within ten days thereafter, execute the contract for the same, with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to deliver the forage proposed in conformity with the terms of this advertisement; and in case the said bidder should fail to enter into the contract, they to make good the difference between the offer of said bidder and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of a U. S. District Attorney, Collector of Customs or any other officer under the United States Government or responsible person known to this office.

All bidders will be duly notified of the acceptance or rejection of their proposals.

The full name and P. O., address of each bidder must be legibly written in the proposal.

Proposals must be addressed to Brig. Gen. D. H. Rucker, Chief Depot Quartermaster, Washington, D. C., and should be plainly marked "Proposals for Forage."

Bonds, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, signed by the contractor and both of his guarantors, will be required of the successful bidder or bidders upon signing the contract.

Blank forms of bids, guarantees, and bonds, may be obtained upon application at this Office.

FORM OF PROPOSAL.

(Town, County and State) —— ——
(Date) ——

I, the subscriber, do hereby propose to furnish and deliver to the United States, at the Quartermaster's Department at ——, agreeably to the terms of your advertisement inviting proposals for forage, dated Washington Depot, Dec. 8, 1864, the following articles, viz:

—— bushels of Corn, in sacks, at —— per bushel of 56 pounds
—— bushels of Oats, in sacks, at —— per bushel of 32 pounds
—— tons of Baled Hay, at —— per on of 2,000 pounds
—— tons of Baled Straw, at —— per ton of 2,000 pounds.

Delivery to commence on or before the —— day of ——, 186—, and to be completed on or before the —— day of ——, 186—, and pledge myself to enter into a written contract with the United States, with good and approved securities, within the space of ten days after being notified that my bid has been accepted. Your obedient servant,

——.

Brigadier General D. H. RUCKER,
General Depot Quartermaster,
Washington, D. C.

GUARANTY.

We, the undersigned, residents of ——, in the County of ——, and State of ——, hereby, jointly and severally, covenant with the United States, and guarantee in case the foregoing bid of —— be accepted, that he or they will, within ten days after the acceptance of said bid, execute the contract for the same with good and sufficient sureties, in a sum equal to the amount of the contract, to furnish the forage proposed in conformity to the terms of advertisement dated December 8, 1864, under which the bid was made, and, in case the said —— shall fail to enter into a contract as aforesaid, we guarantee to make good the difference between the offer by said —— and the next lowest responsible bidder, or the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

Witness.

Given under our hands and seals this —— day of ——, 186—. [Seal.] [Seal.]

I hereby certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the above-named guarantors are good and sufficient as sureties for the amount for which they offer to be security.

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To be certified by the United States District Attorney, Collector of Customs, or any other officer under the United States Government, or responsible person known to this office.

D. H. RUCKER,
dec 9-tf Brigadier General and Q. M.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, DEPOT OF WASHINGTON, *Washington, D. C.*, January 4, 1864.

All dealers in Drugs, Hardware, Lumber, Leather, Office Furniture, Harness, and Saddlery, are requested to send to this office, on MONDAY of each week, a sealed proposal or list, in *duplicate*, of the articles they are prepared to furnish to this Depot at short notice, with the price of each marked in plain figures, so that, in case the exigencies of the service require it, the article or articles can be obtained without delay, and at the lowest price.

Dealers wishing to sell to this Depot will be required to furnish the list punctually every Monday morning.

D. H. RUCKER,
Brigadier General and Chief Quartermaster,
ja 5-tf Depot of Washington.

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LEGAL NOTICES.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, holding a District Court of the United States for the said District.

To all whom it may concern, greeting:

Notice is hereby given, that on the 21 day of November, 1864, the Sloop Zion, tackle, &c., and apparel, were seized as prize by the United States schooner Adolph Hugel, and brought the same into this District for adjudication, and the same are libelled and prosecuted in this court, in the name of the United States, for condemnation; and have been arrested by the marshal for the reasons in the libel stated; and that said cause will stand for trial at the City Hall, in the city of Washington, on the second Monday of December next, when and where all persons are warned to appear to show cause why condemnation should not be decreed, and to intervene for their interests.

November 21st, 1864.
nov 26-2awtd R. J. MEIGS, Clerk.

THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, holding a District Court of the United States for the said District.

To all whom it may concern, greeting:

Notice is hereby given, that on the 28th day of October, 1864, the sloop James Lanety tackle, &c., and cargo, were seized as prize by the United States schooner Adolph Hugel, and brought the same into this District for adjudication; and the same are libelled and prosecuted in this court, in the name of the United States, for condemnation, and have been arrested by the marshal for the reasons in the libel stated; and that said cause will stand for trial at the City Hall, in the city of Washington, on the second Monday of December next, when and where all persons are warned to appear to show cause why condemnation should not be decreed, and to intervene for their interests.

November 21, 1864.
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IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,

Christopher Cammack, sen'r, et al., vs. Eliza Connington, et al. } In Equity, No. 271.

The Trustee in the above cause having reported that on the first day of November instant, after due notice of the time, place, manner, and terms of sale, he sold the east half of Lot No. 1, of J. Davidson's sub-division of square No. 161 in Washington city, with the improvements, consisting of a two-story frame dwelling house, to Anthony Best, for the sum of nine hundred and sixty-five dollars, ($965,) and that the said purchaser has since, in compliance with the terms of sale, paid the whole purchase money in cash. It is, therefore, this ninth day of November, 1864, on motion of complainants' counsel, ordered by the Court, that the said sale so made to the said Anthony Best, be and the same is hereby, ratified and confirmed, unless cause to the contrary be shown, on or before the third day of January next; provided a copy of this order, or so much thereof as relates to the ratification of said sale, be published once a week for three successive weeks, in the Evening Star, prior to said day.

A true copy:
nov 10 law3w* R. J. MEIGS, Clerk.

THIS IS TO GIVE NOTICE, That the subsc