

Sundry Items.—In Smythe and Wythe. (From our Special Correspondent.)

WYTHEVILLE, February 15, 1873. Notwithstanding my illness, I came on here last night, in the midnight train. The snow has been falling all day, having commenced before the breakfast hour and continuing until supper time, making the hills and fields white again, and aggravating the troubles of mud.

There were several matters of some interest in Smythe county which should have been mentioned in my letter from there—which follow below:

At Goodell's mill I was shown a barrel of most splendid buckwheat. He informs me that last year he received one gallon of choice seed of this fine variety from the commissioner of agriculture; he had it carefully sowed on good ground, and harvested from that patch of sowing nearly four bushels of the beautiful grain shown to me, and he is going to give a portion of it to several good farmers to propagate it through the county. If more of the seeds sent out by the agricultural department fell into as good hands as Mr. Goodell's, it would be better for the country generally.

And further, if Congress would appropriate more money for propagating the staff of life than for missions of death; if it would do more to cherish the department of agriculture than the military, and give the preference in its support to the producers who feed the millions, than to the murderers of millions, we should have a stronger and happier nation.

In addition to the flour mills mentioned at Marion, the large one of Taylor & Bro. should be mentioned; it has two runs of burrs, and others are being put in to meet the increasing demands upon it by the country.

The Holston river and Staley's creek furnish several superior water powers here, and the lands along their valleys are among the most productive in Southwestern Virginia, and perhaps it is not far out of the way to say that in Smythe and Wythe are many of the best and richest farmers and stock growers in the state of Virginia.

Wytheville also has its mills for grinding plaster baryta; and many farmers appreciate the value of plaster and lime on their meadows and wheat lands; and, no doubt, they will soon understand the still greater value of salt, as a fertilizer, and as an insect destroyer. The large benefits of four to ten bushels to the acre, will be seen for several years after application; but it should be well mixed with the earth, and not put on the growing plants, as it will kill them. But if mixed with stable manure or marsh muck it may be spread to great advantage, on wheat and meadows, in the autumn, at the approach of cold weather.

Just now, I am stopping at the comfortable hotel kept by Captain Crockett, and in his business he seems to have adopted the motto of his old namesake, "Know you're right, then go ahead!"—and so he does.

The people feel gratified at the passage of the clause in the bankrupt law allowing the homestead exemption of the state; and there is no doubt but that it is good public policy, to save the people in their homes; it will encourage honest debtors, and cannot hurt creditors; villains would find a way to evade the laws; and every country is better and stronger for having as many honest and industrious citizens as possible.

And I find the most substantial and industrious people in favor of sheep protection against dogs; one substantial farmer told me, the other day, he "wished ninety-times of the dogs were killed off, that we would have ten times as many sheep."

It rained all night, and is raining this morning; the eastern mail due, last night, has not yet arrived—tracks flooded and no knowing when this will reach you. Your correspondent cannot get to the country. D. S. C.

LARGE YIELD OF CORN. Dr. Grant, of Abingdon, informs me that he raised five hundred and thirty-five bushels of corn on five acres of good ground, or one hundred and seven bushels to the acre. It grew on land that was once covered with chestnut and other timber. He plowed and sub-soiled to the depth of about eighteen inches in the fall; in the spring he put on a good supply of lime and manure and plowed again about six inches deep, planted two kernels in a hill two feet apart each way.

The widow of Willis, the poet, resides in Rome. Flat necklaces are much worn by ladies with short necks. They were introduced by the Queen of Opera Bouffé—Mlle. Schneider.

"Where there's a will there's a way," as the young husband said when he eloped with the fair legatee.

A wicked bachelor says that the bonnets of the period look like the plumed hat of a dancing dog.

Women are never so confidential, amiable and devoted to each other as when two of them unite against a third.

Less handkerchiefs are growing too common among the wealthy to be fashionable with the servants girls of Chicago.

Foxes are hunted through the streets of America, New York.

The governor of Florida thinks trial by jury is a useless institution and recommends its abolition.

Out of the 22,701,000 population of England and Wales more than 800,000 are on the parish registers as subjects of poor law relief.

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BANKRUPT NOTICES.

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of Abram Young, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, J. Mortimer Kilgour, of Loudoun Co., Va., and John S. Fowler, of Alexandria county, Virginia, are appointed assignees of the estate of Abram Young, of Loudoun county in said district, who was, on the 4th day of December, 1872, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Alexandria, the 18th day of Jan'y, 1873. JOHN S. FOWLER, Assignee. J. MORTIMER KILGOUR, Assignee. ja 21-23w

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of William H. Cottingham, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, William H. Wilson, of Loudoun Co., Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Wm. H. Cottingham, of Northampton county, Va., who was, on the 12th day of December, 1872, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Cherrystone, January 23, 1873. Wm. H. WILSON, Assignee. ja 21-23w

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of Henry O. Moss, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, C. H. Wendlinger, of Richmond Co., Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of Henry O. Moss, of Greensville Co., Va., who was, on the 8th day of December, 1872, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Richmond, January 10, 1873. C. H. WENDLINGER, Assignee. ja 13-13m

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of William M. Embrey, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, John S. Fowler, of Alexandria county, Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of William M. Embrey, of Stafford county, Va., who was, on the 4th day of December, 1872, adjudged a bankrupt on his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Alexandria, January 18, 1873. JOHN S. FOWLER, Assignee. ja 21-23w

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of James T. Gouldin, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, R. H. Maury & Co., of Richmond Co., Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of James T. Gouldin, of Loudoun Co., Va., who was, on the 16th day of December, 1872, adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Richmond, Va., January 10, 1873. JACOB COHN, Assignee. ja 13-13m

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of William C. Johnson, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, Jacob Cohn, of Richmond Co., Va., in the county of Henrico and State of Virginia, hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of W. C. Johnson, of King William county, Va., who was, on the 15th day of December, 1872, adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Richmond, Va., January 10, 1873. JACOB COHN, Assignee. ja 13-13m

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of P. T. Atkins, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, R. H. Maury & Co., of Richmond Co., Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of P. T. Atkins, of the county of Henrico, Virginia, in said district, and who was, on the 15th day of December, 1872, adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Richmond, Va., January 10, 1873. JACOB COHN, Assignee. ja 13-13m

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of Thomas Humphrey Brooke, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, Jacob Cohn, of Richmond Co., Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of T. H. Brooke, of Caroline county, Va., who was, on the 18th day of December, 1872, adjudged a bankrupt upon his own petition by the District Court of said district. Dated Richmond, Va., January 10, 1873. JACOB COHN, Assignee. ja 13-13m

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF THE UNITED STATES FOR THE Eastern District of Virginia.

In the matter of David S. Ligon, bankrupt—in bankruptcy. To Whom It May Concern—The undersigned, R. H. Maury & Co., of Richmond Co., Va., hereby gives notice of his appointment as assignee of the estate of David S. Ligon, of Mecklenburg Co., Va., in said district, who has been heretofore duly declared bankrupt under the act of Congress, approved March 3, 1877, for a discharge of the debts of bankrupts to establish a uniform system of bankruptcy throughout the United States, approved March 21, 1877, for a discharge of the debts of bankrupts under said act, and that the 12th day of March, A. D. 1873, at 10 o'clock, of the said day, was the day of the holding of the said court, and that the undersigned, R. H. Maury & Co., are the assignees of the estate of the said bankrupt, and that the second and third meetings of the creditors of the said bankrupt will be held at the same time and place. W. W. FORBES, Register in Bankruptcy for said District of Virginia. No. 13-13m

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PROPOSALS will be received at the Contract Office of this Department until 9 P. M. of March 3, 1873, for conveying the mails of the United States by contract, on routes to be specified by the schedules of departures and arrivals hereinafter published, and on the routes and at the times specified. Decisions announced on or before March 20, 1873.

[Bidders should examine carefully the laws, forms, and instructions annexed. See laws requiring certified check or draft with bids of \$5,000 and upward.]

VIRGINIA.

4730 From Rock Eon Springs, to Winchester, Va., on Monday, Tuesday, and Saturday, a week from 1st October to 31st May; Leave Rock Eon Springs daily, except Sunday, at 8 a.m.; Arrive at Winchester by 9 a.m.; Leave Winchester daily, except Sunday, at 3:30 p.m.; Arrive at Rock Eon Springs by 7:30 p.m.; 1st October to 31st May.

1st Week to 30th September.

Leave Rock Eon Springs daily, except Sunday, at 8 a.m.; Arrive at Winchester by 9 a.m.; Leave Winchester daily, except Sunday, at 3:30 p.m.; Arrive at Rock Eon Springs by 7:30 p.m.; 1st October to 31st May.

4731 From Broadway Depot, to Cooter's Store, to Dovesville, 17 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Broadway Depot Wednesday and Saturday at 9 a.m.; Arrive at Cooter's Store by 11 a.m.; Leave Cooter's Store by 12:30 p.m.; Arrive at Dovesville Wednesday and Saturday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Broadway Depot by 12 m.

4732 From Hamburg's to Front Royal, 8 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Hamburg's Wednesday and Saturday at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Front Royal by 12:30 p.m.; Leave Front Royal Wednesday and Saturday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Hamburg's by 3:30 p.m.

4733 From London to Gum Spring (n. o.), 5 miles and back, twice a week; Leave London Saturday at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Gum Spring by 12:30 p.m.; Leave Gum Spring Saturday at 7:30 a.m.; Arrive at London by 10 a.m.

4734 From Baptist Valley to Knob, 25 miles and back, once a week; Leave Baptist Valley Monday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Knob by 10 a.m.; Leave Knob Tuesday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Baptist Valley by 9 p.m.

4735 From Shiloh, by Payne's Store (n. o.), Rock Springs (n. o.), to Leeds own (n. o.), 13 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Shiloh Tuesday and Saturday at 8 a.m.; Arrive at Leeds own by 12 m.; Leave Leeds own Tuesday and Saturday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Shiloh by 5 p.m.

4736 From Miller's Tavern, by Enterprise (n. o.), and Mount Zion (n. o.), to Tappan's, 13 miles and back, once a week; Leave Miller's Tavern Wednesday at 8 a.m.; Arrive at Tappan's by 12 m.; Leave Tappan's Wednesday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Miller's Tavern by 5 p.m.

4737 From Mangochick by Etna Mills, to Hanover C. H., 8 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Mangochick Tuesday and Friday at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Hanover C. H. by 12:30 p.m.; Leave Hanover C. H. Thursday and Friday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Mangochick by 3:30 p.m.

4738 From Suffolk by Nurnysville and Holy Neck to Somerton, 18 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Suffolk Tuesday and Saturday at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Somerton by 4 p.m.; Leave Somerton Tuesday and Saturday at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Suffolk by 11 a.m.

4739 From Pattonville, by Cedar Point, to Sneedsville (n. o.), 30 miles and back, once a week; Leave Pattonville Friday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Sneedsville by 6 p.m.; Leave Sneedsville Saturday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Pattonville by 12 m.

4740 From Nottoway C. H. by St. Mark's Church (n. o.) and Marshall's Branch (n. o.), to Olive Branch (n. o.), 17 miles and back, once a week; Leave Nottoway C. H. Tuesday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Olive Branch by 12 m.; Leave Olive Branch Thursday at 1 p.m.; Arrive at Nottoway by 6 p.m.

4741 From Thaxton's, by Coville's (n. o.) and Sandy Ford (n. o.), to Stewardsville (n. o.), 16 miles and back, once a week; Leave Thaxton's Tuesday and Saturday at 10 a.m.; Arrive at Stewardsville by 12 m.; Leave Stewardsville Tuesday and Saturday at 12 m.; Arrive at Thaxton's by 6 p.m.

4742 From Wolf Trap to Omega, 6 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Wolf Trap Wednesday and Saturday at 12 m.; Arrive at Omega by 11 a.m.; Leave Omega Wednesday and Saturday at 12 m.; Arrive at Wolf Trap by 9 a.m.

4743 From Laurel Grove to Gartersburgh, 14 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Laurel Grove Wednesday and Saturday at 12 m.; Arrive at Gartersburgh by 12 m.; Leave Gartersburgh Wednesday and Saturday at 12 m.; Arrive at Laurel Grove by 5 p.m.

4744 From Summerfield, by Spring Valley, to Leave Price's Fork, 9 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Summerfield Tuesday and Saturday at 4 p.m.; Arrive at Stephens' Creek by 7 p.m.; Leave Stephens' Creek Tuesday and Saturday at 4 p.m.; Arrive at Summerfield by 3 p.m.

4745 From Danville, by Hall's Cross Roads and Spring Garden, to Riceville, 30 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Danville Tuesday and Saturday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Riceville by 6 p.m.; Leave Riceville Tuesday and Saturday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Danville by 6 p.m.

4746 From Independence, by Long's Gap, Clem's Branch, and Flat Ridge, to Rye Valley, 30 miles and back, once a week; Leave Independence Monday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Rye Valley by 11 a.m.; Leave Rye Valley Tuesday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Independence by 6 p.m.

4747 From Martin's Station to Drapersville. Bidders to state distance and propose schedule.

4748 From Rural Retreat (Mt. Airy Depot) to Rural Retreat (n. o.), 9 miles and back; Leave Rural Retreat Wednesday and Saturday at 4 p.m.; Arrive at Black Lick by 6:30 p.m.; Leave Black Lick Wednesday and Saturday at 4 p.m.; Arrive at Rural Retreat by 2:30 p.m.

4749 From Blacksburg, by Price's Fork (n. o.), to Cowan's Mills (n. o.), 11 miles and back, once a week; Leave Blacksburg Monday at 8 a.m.; Arrive at Cowan's Mills by 11:30 a.m.; Leave Cowan's Mills Saturday at 12 m.; Arrive at Blacksburg by 3:30 p.m.

4750 From Price's Fork to Stony Run, 5 miles and back; Leave Price's Fork Saturday at 6 p.m.; Arrive at Vickers by 8 p.m.

4751 From Gladestville (n. o.) to Grundy, 60 miles and back, once a week; Leave Gladestville Wednesday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Grundy Thursday by 7 p.m.; Leave Grundy Monday at 7 a.m.; Arrive at Gladestville Tuesday by 7 p.m.

4752 From Lynchburgh, by Bigbee's Shop, to Perrow's Store, 16 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Lynchburgh Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 2 p.m.; Arrive at Perrow's Store by 7 p.m.; Leave Perrow's Store Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday at 2 p.m.; Arrive at Lynchburgh by 12 m.

4753 From Forkeville, by South Hill, Lonsdale, and Rockwell, to Boynton, 23 miles and back, twice a week; Leave Forkeville Tuesday and Saturday at 8 a.m.; Arrive at Boynton by 11 a.m.; Leave Boynton Wednesday and Saturday at 8 a.m.; Arrive at Forkeville by 11 a.m.

FORM OF PROPOSAL, GUARANTEE, AND CERTIFICATE.

The undersigned, of the county of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify that \_\_\_\_\_, of the county of \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, is a resident of the United States, and is qualified to perform the service proposed in the advertisement of the Postmaster General, dated December 1, 1872, with certainty, and security (law of June 8, 1872), for the annual sum of \_\_\_\_\_ dollars.

This proposal is made with full knowledge of the distance to be traveled, and of the nature of the service to be performed, and all other particulars in reference to the route and service; and, also, after careful examination of the laws and instructions attached to advertisement of mail services; and, also, of the provisions contained in the act of Congress of June 8, 1872.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 1873. Bidder.

Guarantee.

The undersigned, residing at \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, undertake that, if the foregoing bid, when carried into effect, shall be accepted by the Postmaster General, the bidder will, prior to the 1st June, 1873, enter into the required obligation, or contract, to perform the service proposed in the advertisement of the Postmaster General, with certainty and security.

This we do, understanding distinctly the obligations and liabilities assumed by guarantors.

Dated \_\_\_\_\_, 1873.

Certificate.

The undersigned, postmaster at \_\_\_\_\_, State of \_\_\_\_\_, do hereby certify, under his own oath or oaths, that he is acquainted with the above guarantor, and knows him to be of good prop-ty, and able to make good the guarantee; and that he and his guarantors shall observe the age of 21 years.

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The Postmaster must sign the certificate until the amount of the bid is inserted and the bid and certificate signed by all the parties, and dated.

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Sworn to and subscribed before me \_\_\_\_\_, for the \_\_\_\_\_, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1873, at \_\_\_\_\_, in the presence of \_\_\_\_\_, who subscribe my name and affix my official seal the day and year aforesaid.

(SEAL.)

NOTE.—When the oath is taken before a justice of the peace, the certificate of the clerk of a court of record should be added, under his seal of office, that the person who administered the oath is a duly qualified justice of the peace.

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2. On routes where the mode of conveyance is by horse, the bidder is to provide the horses, and also post office blanks, mail bags, locks and keys, are to be conveyed without extra pay.

3. "Way bills," or receipts prepared by postmasters, or other agents of the Department, will accompany the mails, specifying the number and destination of the several bags, to be examined by the postmasters, to insure regularity in the delivery of the mails.

4. No pay will be made for trips not performed; and for each of such omissions, if the failure to occur on the day of the contract, or carrier, three times the pay of the trip will be deducted. For arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with subsequent mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-fourth of the compensation for the trip is forfeited; for arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with subsequent mails, and not sufficiently excused, one-half of the compensation for the trip is forfeited; for arrivals so far behind time as to break connection with subsequent mails, and not sufficiently excused, the entire compensation for the trip is forfeited.

5. For leaving behind or throwing off the mails, or any portion of them, for the admission of passengers or for being careless in setting up or running an express conveying intelligence in advance of the mail, a quarter's pay may be deducted.