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Auction Sales.

TO-DAY.

BY GREEN AND WILLIAMS,
Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers,
No. 426 Southeast corner of Seventh and D Streets.

GUARDIAN'S SALE.

By virtue of a decree of the Orphans' Court, duly confirmed by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, I will sell on FRIDAY, the 7th day of May, at 5 o'clock p. m., in front of the premises, that part of Lot 3 in Square 376 (Mills Square), numbered five hundred and eighteen (518), fronting sixteen (16) feet on north M street, between Fourth and Fifth streets west, and the same property conveyed by John R. Williamson and wife, by deed recorded in Liber J. A. S. No. 22, folios 426 et seq., to Silas Davis, in trust.

Terms: Cash, balance in six and twelve months, to be secured by deed of trust.

SILAS DAVIS, Guardian.

The above sale is postponed until FRIDAY, May 14, at 5 o'clock, p. m. By order of the Guardian.

GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers.

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BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs.
(Successors to James C. Mcguire & Co.,)
Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

RECEIVER'S SALE OF A VALUABLE STOCK OF FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC DRY GOODS.

Under and by virtue of a decree made in the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia on the twenty-sixth (26) day of April, A. D. 1869, in the cause in chancery, numbered 7,283, Equity Docket 9, in which cause Seven B. Carpenter, et al., vs. James W. Scott et al., we (should the injunction heretofore issued be dissolved by decree) will, on THURSDAY, the 20th day of May, A. D. 1869, at 10 o'clock a. m., proceed, at public auction, to sell and dispose of all the valuable and complete stock of foreign and domestic Dry Goods which lately constituted the entire retail trade of Scott & Brother, and which are at present contained in the storeroom formerly occupied by them, on the corner of Eighth street and Market Space, in this city; together with all the chattels and personal property contained in said store.

The terms of sale, as prescribed by said decree, are for cash at time of sale.

The sale will be continued on the premises, at the corner of Eighth street and Market Space, as aforesaid, and will continue from day to day until the whole of said stock shall be disposed of.

Plain and Black Figured Silks.
Ladies' and Misses' Parasols and Umbrellas.
Black and Colored Linens and Drillings.
Ladies' and Misses' Cotton Hose in great variety.
Ladies' and Misses' Silk Gloves, Gauntlets and Mits.
Ladies' and Gents' Buck Gauntlets.
Extensive assortment of Buttons.
10 dozen Suspenders, Gents' and Boys' Furnishing Goods.
Ladies' and Misses' Merino Vests.
Large quantity Slip Linen and Crash.
Brown and Check Linens, Ladies' and Gents' Handkerchiefs.
87 pieces Bleached and Unbleached Shirting and Sheeting.
Immense quantity of assorted Calicoes, Chintz and Gingham.
Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves.
24 pieces White and Red Flannels.
Extensive assortment of Spool Silk and Cotton Braids, Hooks and Eyes, Pins, &c.
Large quantity of Cambric.
Large quantity of Brown and light Dress Goods.
Large quantity of Figured and Dress Linen.
6 pieces Balmoral, water-proof Cloth.
Mantillas and Cloaks; Long and Square Worsted Shawls.
Long and Square Woollen Shawls.
Silk Capes and Sacques, Lace and Muslin Shawls.
Dotted Swiss and Figured Muslin, Lace Curtains.
Large quantity of Brown and White Table Linen.
Fine assortment of White Spreads, Blankets.
Together with many articles too numerous to mention.

COOPER & LATIMER, Auct'rs.

FUTURE DAYS.

ATTENTION IS CALLED TO THE SALE OF Fine Cabinet Furniture, French Plate Mirror Suits, and beautiful Marble Ornaments, Plated Ware, Bedding, Rare Engravings, Carpets, Curtains, &c., which will be sold at Mrs. Blodgett's Work Room, Fine Chairs, &c., which she intends for Europe, which will take place on the First Floor of my Auction Room on FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1869, at 10 o'clock.

CHAS. W. BOTELER, Auctioneer.

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BY WM. L. WALL & CO., Auct'rs.
Sales 930 and 932 Pa. ave.
Southwest cor. Penna. ave. and Ninth street.

UNITED STATES MARSHAL'S SALE OF TWO MULES AND ONE BROWN HORSE.

In virtue of an order of sale issued from the Clerk's office of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, and to me directed, I shall proceed to offer for cash, at my salesroom, on SATURDAY NEXT, the 15th inst., 1869, at 11 o'clock, a. m.:

2 Mules, one Gray and one Brown,
1 Brown Horse,

Seized under attachment No. 9007, Benedict F. Culverhouse vs. Jesse B. Brooks.

ALEX. GRAHAM,
U. S. Marshal, District of Columbia.

my14-2t Wm. L. Wall & Co., Auct'rs.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS,
Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers,
No. 426 Southeast corner of Seventh and D streets.

FIVE VALUABLE BUILDING LOTS, FRONTING ON ELEVENTH STREET WEST, BETWEEN L AND M STREETS SOUTH, NAVY YARD, AT AUCTION.

On TUESDAY, the 18th instant, at 5 o'clock, p. m., we shall sell, on the premises, Lots No. 22, 23, 24, 25 and 26, of subdivision of Lots 18, 19 and 20, in square No. 574, being 22 feet front and 100 feet 10½ inches deep. This property is in a good location, streets being paved and graded. Sale positively to the highest bidder.

Stamps, &c., at cost of purchaser; $50 down on each lot when sold.

GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers.

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BY COOPER & LATIMER, Auctioneers,
Successors to J. C. McGuire & Co.,
Southwest corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Eleventh street, Star Office Building.

BY VIRTUE OF A DEED OF TRUST, DATED the 4th May, 1867, recorded in Liber 1005, folio 266, of the land records, District of Columbia, I will sell at public auction, on the premises, on MONDAY, the 17th day of May, 1869, at six o'clock p. m., Lot No. 19, in Gilbert's Addition, subdivision square No. 375, Washington city.

Terms: One third cash, residue in equal payments in 6 and 12 months, with interest, to be secured upon the property.

JAMES TOWLES, Trustee.

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BY CHAS. W. BOTELER, Auctioneer,
(Successor to J. C. McGuire & Co.,)
Corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Tenth street.

SALE OF PIANOFORTE, GILT-FRAME MANTLE AND PIER MIRRORS, WINDOW CURTAINS, FINE CABINET FURNITURE, &c., AT AUCTION.

ON TUESDAY MORNING, May 18, at 10 o'clock, I shall sell, at No. 463 9th street, between E and F, effects of a private family declining housekeeping, consisting in part, viz:

One superior Pianoforte,
Handsome Suit of Rose Curtains and Cornices,
Gilt-frame French-plate Mantel and Pier Mirrors,
Walnut Etagere, Marble Top and Mirror Back,
Solid Walnut Parlor Suite, Walnut Centre Table,
Rich Music Vases,
Superior Velvet and Brussels Parlor, Chamber, Dining room, and Hall Carpets, nearly new,
Walnut Hall Seat, Walnut Hall Set,
Marble-top sideboard, solid oak,
Extension Dining Table, Walnut Office Tables,
French China Dinner and Tea Sets,
Fine Glassware, Table Cutlery, Silver-plated Ware,
Arm Chairs, Lounges; Walnut Fire Screen,
Suite of Chamber Furniture,
Curled Hair and other Mattresses,
Toilet Ware Stoves, Cooking Requisites, &c.

Terms cash.

THE HOUSE IS FOR RENT. Inquire of the Auctioneer.

CHAS. W. BOTELER, Auctioneer.

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BY GREEN & WILLIAMS,
Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers,
No. 426 Southeast corner of Seventh and D streets.

DESIRABLE BUILDING LOT.

By virtue of a deed of trust, recorded Liber J. A. S. No. 24, folios 469, &c., the subscriber will sell on the premises, WEDNESDAY, the 26th inst., at 5 o'clock p. m., the following desirable Building Lot, situated on C street north, between North Capitol street and Delaware avenue, and near the Baltimore Depot, and known as Lot No. Two (2), Square No. Six Hundred and Eighty-three (683), containing 8,560 square feet.

Terms: Cash. Conveyancing and revenue stamps at cost of purchaser.

JOHN CARROLL BRENT, Trustee.

my8-eod4s GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auct's.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS,
Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers,
No. 426 southeast corner of Seventh and D streets.

ASSIGNEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE BUILDING LOT FRONTING ON NORTH M STREET, BETWEEN NINTH AND TENTH STREETS WEST, AT AUCTION.

On THURSDAY, the 6th day of May, at 5 o'clock p. m., I shall sell on the premises, that valuable Building Lot known as part of lot No. 15, in square No. 369, having a front of 22 feet 11 inches on north M street, running back with a depth of 120 feet, containing in all 2,730 square feet.

Terms: One half cash; balance in three months, with interest, and secured by a deed of trust on the premises. All conveyancing and revenue stamps at purchaser's cost. One hundred dollars will be required down on the day of sale.

GEORGE MASON, Assignee.

my7-eod GREEN & WILLIAMS, Aucts.

BY GREEN & WILLIAMS,
Auctioneers and Real Estate Brokers,
No. 426 Southeast corner of Seventh and D streets.

TRUSTEE'S SALE OF VALUABLE PROPERTY ON THE NAVY YARD.

By virtue of a deed of trust from Truman M. Brush to Robert P. Dodge, dated April 21, 1865, and a decree of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, passed in Chancery cause No. 964, wherein I was substituted trustee in the place of the said Robert P. Dodge, I will sell at public auction, on SATURDAY, the 15th day of May, 1869, at 5 o'clock, p. m., in front of the premises, parts of lots 28 and 29, in square No. 856, being the south five feet four inches of lot 28, and the north eleven feet four inches of lot 29, the whole fronting sixteen feet eight inches on Eighth street east, with a depth of one hundred and nine feet one inch.

This property is situated on Eighth street east, between G and I streets south, opposite the Marine Barracks, and is improved.

Terms of sale: Cash.

All conveyancing and revenue stamps at the cost of the purchaser.

WM. F. MATTINGLY, Trustee.

GREEN & WILLIAMS, Auctioneers.

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SALE OF MANURE.

CENTRE MARKET, May 11, 1869.

There will be sold, at public auction, on SATURDAY, May 15, at 11 o'clock, in the Market yard, a large quantity of MANURE.

JOS. GERNARDT, Clerk Centre Market.

SALE OF GOVERNMENT STORES.

OFFICE GEN'L ACCT'G & DISBURS'G OFFICER,
BUREAU R. F. L. AND A. L.,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3, 1869.

By order of Brevet Major General O. O. Howard, United States army, commissioner, will be sold by public auction on MONDAY, May 17, 1869, at 11 a. m., all the stores contained in store-house, 8 street, between sixteenth and seventeenth streets, consisting of office desks, chairs, stoves, &c.

Terms of sale, cash.

may7-td Brvt. Maj. and Disbursing Officer.

Government Sales.

PUBLIC SALE OF MEDICINES, HOSPITAL STORES, DRESSINGS, MOSQUITO BARS, &C.

ASSISTANT MEDICAL PURVEYOR'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 10, 1869.

Will be offered at public auction in this city on WEDNESDAY, the 19th day of May, at 10 a. m., at the Judiciary Square Depot, E street, between Fourth and Fifth streets, a large and valuable assortment of Medicines, Hospital Stores and other property no longer needed for the public service, among which will be found the following, viz:

Sulphuric Ether, 7,000 ounces; Alcohol 1,700 ounces; Cerate of Cantharides, 4,000 ounces; Fluid Extract of Cinchona, 3,000 ounces; Fluid Extract of Ginger, 2,000 ounces; Compound Spirits of Lavender, 3,000 ounces; Powdered Opium, 2,000 ounces; Tinct. Opii Ammoniated 6,000 ounces; Sulphate of Quinine, 500 ounces.

Wax Candles, Best Retinol, Condensed Milk, Desiccated Egg.

Adhesive and Isinglass Plasters, Gutta Percha Bandages, Patent Lint, Oiled Silk and Muslin Roller Bandages, Linen. Also, 10,000 Mosquito Bars, etc.

All particulars in catalogues. Terms cash; 25 per cent. required as deposits at time of sale, and all goods to be removed within five days.

SIDNEY SMITHERLAND,
my13 Ass't Med. Purveyor, Brv. Col. U.S.A.

PUBLIC SALE.

To be sold at public auction, on TUESDAY, 18th inst., at 10 o'clock a. m., in the cellar of the Government building, corner of Pennsylvania avenue and Seventeenth street,

5,000 pounds (about 40 tons) Waste Paper, in bales.

22 Ink Bottles (more or less.)

A lot of old Cocoa Matting, Tables, Shelving, Old Galvanized Iron, &c., &c.

Cash in Government funds, on delivery.

All articles sold not called for when ready for delivery will be charged at the cost of the purchaser, to secure the United States against which one-fifth (or so much thereof as may be necessary) of the amount of purchase to be paid at time of sale.

N. B.—The above is published as issued by the Quartermaster General, and the sale will be by sub-agents and under the supervision of Captain D. G. Thomas, U. S. A.

J. C. McFERRAN,
Deputy Quartermaster General,
my13-td Brvt. Brig. Gen., U. S. A.

BUILDING OF SYSTEM FIRE ENGINE AT AUCTION.

DEPUTY QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 8, 1869.

Will be sold at public auction, under the direction of Captain D. G. Thomas, M. S. K., on MONDAY, 17th instant, at the hour of 10 o'clock, the Frame Building on Pennsylvania avenue and Nineteenth street, recently occupied by the steam fire engine Hibernia, as follows:

1 Building, gravel roof, 34x15 feet, with passageway 17x8 feet.

1 Building, shingle roof, 21x15 feet, with attachment 22x8 feet.

1 Building, shingle roof, 21x14 feet.

Terms: Cash in Government funds.

Buildings must be removed within ten days from day of sale.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

J. C. McFERRAN,
Deputy Quartermaster General, Brevet Brigadier General U. S. A.

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SALE OF NAVY VESSELS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12, 1869.

The Navy Department will offer for sale at public outcry, on the U. S. Navy-Yard, Portsmouth, N. H., on the 26th day of May, at 12 o'clock, the three-side-wheel steamer "Mascoma," of 1,023 tons and measurement.

At the U. S. Navy-Yard, Brooklyn, on the 31st day of May, at 12 o'clock, the screw steamer "Hetzel," of 407 tons, old measurement, and the screw steamer "Pequot," of 297 tons, old measurement.

At the U. S. Navy-Yard, Norfolk, Va., on the 3d day of June, at 12 o'clock, the iron side-wheel steamer "Winnepec," of 1,011 tons, old measurement, and the side-wheel steamer "Alleghany," of 987 tons, old measurement.

The vessels and their inventories can be examined at any time at application to the commandants of the respective yards. The whole or any part of the machinery may be detached and sold separately. Bids will be received at the navy-yards within two weeks from the day of sale.

The Government reserves the right to withdraw the vessels from sale if any purchaser who will pay the appraised value with an increase of ten per centum bids.

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PUBLIC AUCTION.

OFFICE DEPOT COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 5, 1869.

Will be sold at public auction at the Subsistence Storehouse, Monument Grounds, Fourteenth street, Washington, D. C., on Saturday, the 15th instant, at 10:30 o'clock, a. m., a lot of condemned SUBSISTENCE STORES AND PROPERTY, consisting of about 31 pounds Pickled Beef, 12 pounds Ham, 604 pounds Corn Meal, 1,573 pounds Codfish, 1,656 pounds Hard Bread, 886 pounds Beans, 182 pounds Hominy, 1,247 pounds Dried Peaches, 24 pounds Black Tea, 4 pounds Green Tea, 225 pounds Black Pepper, 229 pounds Mackerel, 130 pounds Salt Herring and a quantity of Desiccated Mixed Vegetables.

Also, Platform Scales, Counter Scales, Spring Balances, Liquid Measures, Faucets, Funnels, Scoops, Glass Jars, Hatchets, Meat Saws, &c.

Terms cash.

G. BELL,
ap13-3t C. S., U. S. A.

SALE OF LIBERTY ORDNANCE DEPOT, MISSOURI.

ORDNANCE OFFICE, WAR DEPARTMENT,
WASHINGTON, April 22, 1869.

In pursuance of Public Law, approved July 25, 1868, and by authority of the Secretary of War, the LAND and BUILDINGS, constituting the Ordnance Depot near Liberty, Clay county, Missouri, will be SOLD at PUBLIC AUCTION, to the highest bidder, on the premises, at 12 o'clock, meridian, on the 15th day of June, 1869.

The property consists of Ten Acres of Land and the following Buildings of brick, viz:

1 Storehouse, two stories, 80 feet by 35 feet.
1 Officers' Quarters, two stories, 35 feet by 26 feet.
1 Kitchen, one story, 34 feet by 17 feet.
1 Carpenters' Shop, one story, 40 feet by 17 feet.
1 Blacksmiths' Shop, one story, 40 feet by 17 feet.
1 Soldiers' Barracks, one story, 40 feet by 17 feet.
1 Magazine, 25 feet by 18 feet.
1 Stable.

And also, several Frame Buildings, such as Laboratories, Sheds, Out-house, Corn-crib, Fencing, a good Well and Cistern, &c.

Further description is deemed unnecessary, as it is presumed that persons disposed to purchase will examine the premises.

The terms of sale, as prescribed by the law under which the sale is made, are one third in cash, the remainder in two equal payments of one and two years with six per cent. interest on deferred payments, to be secured by deed of trust on the property.

Upon payment of the whole of the purchase money a deed to the premises will be executed under the seal of the War Department.

T. J. TREADWELL,
Brevet Lieutenant Colonel and Major of Ordnance, in charge.

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SALE OF BUILDINGS.

HEADQUARTERS FIRST MILITARY DISTRICT,
OFFICE CHIEF QUARTERMASTER,
RICHMOND, VA., May 4, 1869.

Will be sold at public auction, at "Camp Williams," near Richmond, Virginia, on WEDNESDAY, 19th instant, commencing at 10 o'clock, a. m., the

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lately occupied by U. S. Troops at the Post three miles west of Richmond, Va., known as Camp Williams, consisting of—

1 Barrack, 26 by 117 feet.
1 Quarters, 22 by 44 feet.
1 Addition, 18 by 12 feet.
1 Quarters, 16½ by 31½ feet.
1 Quarters, 20½ by 37 feet.
1 Bakery, 21 by 28 feet.
1 Stable, 31 by 170 feet.
1 Building, 18 by 20 feet.
4 Sinks, 10 by 6 feet each.
200 Feet of Fence, 6 feet high.
12 Tables.
20 Benches.
24 Bunks.
1 Blacksmith Shop, 13½ by 24 feet.
1 Office, 10 by 16 feet.
1 Carpenter's Shop, 18½ by 31 feet.
1 Mess House, 11½ by 21 feet.
1 Wash House, 12 by 18½.
1 Forage House, 8 by 15 feet.
1 Carriage House, 11 by 14 feet.
1 Non House, 8 by 12 feet.
3 Laundresses' Quarters, 12 by 24 feet each.
3 Additions to do., 9 by 9 feet each.

Ten days will be allowed purchasers for removal of buildings.

Terms: Cash, in Government funds.

By order of the Quartermaster General:

J. G. CHANDLER,
Brvt. Colonel, Chief Quartermaster First Military District.

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STEAM SAW-MILL, HORSES, MULES, &c.

DEPOT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12, 1869.

Will be sold at public auction, under the direction of Captain D. G. Thomas, M. S. K., at Lincoln depot, on MONDAY, 24th inst., commencing at 10 a. m., a lot of Horses, Mules, and Quartermaster Stores, consisting in part of 1 Portable Steam Saw-mill, with 12 circular saws; Turning Lathe and Tools, Pulleys, Shafting, Belting, &c., complete; 1 double-acting steam Pump and Roller.

12000 feet of Hard Lumber—Oak, Hickory, and Ash.

12 Horses, 20 Mules,
10 Army Wagons, 4 Ambulances,
2 U. M. Wagons, 12 Carts,
2557 Wagon Parts or Timbers—Hubs, Spokes, Felloes, &c.,
809 Ambulance do.—Spokes, Tongues, Felloes, &c.,
15000 H. and M. Shoes, (new.) 1 Pipe-cutting Machine,
2100 lbs. Scrap iron, 1 60-gal. Boiler,
1000 lbs. Old Horseshoes, 24 Table-legs, new,
225 lbs. Old Chisels, 9000 ft. Cast iron Pipe
115 sets Harness, assorted, 125 ft. Water Pipe,
2800 Iron Bolts, 150 ft. Leather Hose,
1500 Carriage &c. Bolts, 700 lbs. Lead,
2 Bolt-cutting machines, 746 lbs. Zinc,
1 Anchor and Chain, 2181 lbs. Grain Sacks,
With Tools, Mallets, Tools, Trucks, &c., &c. 21 Lanterns, assorted,
61 Window-frames.

Attention is especially called to the Saw-mill, Horses and Mules to be offered.

Terms: Cash in Government funds.

By authority of the Quartermaster General:

J. C. McFERRAN,
Deputy Quartermaster General, Brv. Brig. Gen. U. S. A.

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SALE OF IRON CLAD VESSELS.

NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12, 1869.

Sealed proposals will be received at this Bureau until 12 o'clock, m., of the 14th of JUNE, for the purchase of the following named iron-clad vessels:

The "Cohoes," the "Koka," the "Nauset," the "Sunnock," the "Warsaw" and the "Yazoo," lying at the United States Naval Station, League Island, Penn.

The "Canonicus" and the "Chimo," lying at the U. S. Navy Yard, Washington, D. C.

The proposals will state the prices that will be given for the vessels in their present condition, with such fittings as are now attached to them.

The vessels can be seen, and all necessary information concerning them will be given, on application to the Commandants of the Yard and Station.

The Department reserves the right to reject any and all of the proposals, if their acceptance is not to the interest of the Government.

The whole of the purchase money must be paid at the time of adjudication, and the vessels must be removed from the yards within two weeks from the day of sale.

The proposals must be labeled "Proposals for Purchase of Iron Clads."

GEO. H. CUSHING,
my11-2awtw Chief of Bureau.

WASHINGTON FACTS AND IMPRESSIONS.

INTERNAL REVENUE RECEIPTS yesterday amounted to $447,975.

APPOINTED.—Mr. John T. Smith, of Illinois, has been appointed a clerk in the Sixth Auditor's office.

POSTAL CLERK APPOINTED.—Joseph H. Tait has been appointed postal railway clerk between New York and Washington in place of A. Ritchie removed.

HON. BENJ. F. WADE has been appointed a Government director of the Pacific railroad, and not commissioner as has been erroneously stated.

SUPERINTENDENT OF THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT BUILDING.—Mr. James E. Pilkington, of Baltimore, has received the appointment of superintendent of the Interior Department building, from the 15th instant, at which date the resignation of Col. Duncan takes effect.

A CIRCULAR has been issued from the Treasury, informing assistant treasurers and others that the supply of fractional currency at that office, of the denomination of ten and twenty-five cents, is nearly exhausted, and that as the new issue will not be ready for six weeks, they must make out in cases of demand with the choice of the stock now in their hands for redemption.

SWAMP LANDS.—The Commissioner of the General Land Office has transmitted to the Governor of Wisconsin certified copies of approved list No. 7, in the Menasha district, embracing 1,427.92 acres, and list No. 9, in the Stevens Point district, Wisconsin, embracing 4,181.96 acres of swamp and overflowed lands, inuring to the State of Wisconsin under the swamp grant of September 28, 1850.

LANDS FOR RAILROAD COMPANY IN IOWA.—The Commissioner of the General Land Office has transmitted to the Governor of the State and land officers at Fort Des Moines and Fort Dodge, Iowa, six certified transcripts of lands, embracing in the aggregate 18,196.47 acres, as lands granted under the acts of May 15, 1856, and June 2, 1864, "to aid in the construction of said railroad."

APPOINTMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT.—The following appointments were made by the President yesterday: Addison Low, to be supervising inspector of steamboats for the Second district, and Samuel Houston, to be supervising inspector for the Sixth district; Wm. H. Rainey, to be collector of customs for the district of Brunswick, Ga.; J. B. Gould, to be United States Consul at Birmingham, England.

NAVAL ORDERS.—Ordered—Lieutenant Commander Allan D. Brown to the Naval Academy on the 20th of September next; Lieutenant James M. Forsyth to the receiving ship Potomac. Detailed—Lieutenant Commander Frederick Pearson from the New York navy yard and ordered to the practice ship Macedonian on the 28th inst.; Lieutenant Samuel H. Baker from the receiving ship Potomac and ordered to the practice ship Sacramento on the 28th inst.; Lieutenant Wm. W. Mead from the naval station at Mound city, Ill., and ordered to the practice ship Savannah on the 28th inst.

MESSRS HAINES, TRITLE AND SHERMAN, Pacific railroad commissioners in California, have made a report to the Secretary of the Interior of the completion and equipment of 100 miles of the Central Pacific railroad, from the 570th to the 670th mile post, and recommend the acceptance of the road, and that the bonds and land patents be issued. The same board make a similar report upon the second twenty miles of the Western Pacific railroad, with the same recommendations.

POSTMASTERS APPOINTED.—The President yesterday made the following appointments of postmasters: John M. Edmunds, to be postmaster at Washington, D. C., vice C. M. Alexander removed. Samuel O. Upton, Waltham, Mass., vice Newell Sherman removed. Henry A. Hellerman, Hudson, N. J., vice Willett G. Tripp removed. David Boynton, Haverhill, Mass., vice E. P. Hale removed. John A. Nayler, Alleghany, Pa., vice Hugh McKelvey removed. Wm. Marland, Andover, Mass., vice Samuel Raymond removed. Horace Chapin, Jacksonville, Ill., vice Abner Yates removed.

THE PUBLIC DOMAIN.—Commissioner Wilson, of the General Land Office, has received returns showing a disposal of 34,080 acres of the public domain during the past month at the following local offices: Ironton, Mo., 10,483 acres; La Crosse, Wis., 7,515 acres; Falls St. Croix, Wis., 5,435 acres; Taylor's Falls, Minn., 2,995 acres; East Saginaw, Mich., 4,288 acres; Topeka, Kan., 3,337 acres. The greater portion of the land was taken under the homestead laws requiring actual residence and cultivation for the period of five years, and the remainder sold for cash, and located with military bounty land warrants.

FRENCH NAVAL SCHOOL SHIP AT ANNAPOLIS.—At an early hour Wednesday morning the French line-of-battle ship Jean Bart, one of the school ships of the Imperial navy, with several hundred naval students on board, arrived at Annapolis, and at 8 o'clock an admiral salute was fired, responded to by Admiral Porter's flag-ship Santee. The customary ceremonies of reception were gone through with, after which a number of students were permitted to land.

The Jean Bart will probably remain at Annapolis until after the examination of the students in the naval academy at that place, which will commence on the 20th instant.

SUIT AGAINST MAX STRAKOSCH.—Mr. R. T. Merrick has, for Messrs. Spalding & Rapley, entered suit in the Circuit Court against MAX STRAKOSCH for $2,000 damages, sustained by defendant failing to perform a contract. The declaration sets forth that a contract was entered into by the plaintiffs and defendant that the latter would give a public concert at the National Theatre on the night of the 10th of May, at which Clara Louisa Kellogg was to sing; that out of the proceeds the plaintiffs were to receive a certain percentage for the use of the theatre, but the defendant failed to fulfill his contract, by which the plaintiffs have been damaged not only in the loss of the percentage but in their business relations.

MINING CLAIMS.—The Hon. Jos. S. Wilson, Commissioner of the General Land Office, has just received from the Surveyor General of Nevada the plat and account of survey of the claim of the Chollar Potosi Mining Company, on the Comstock lode, in Virginia mining district, Storey county, Nevada. The area embraced in this claim is 34.74 acres; and for the fiscal year ending June 1, 1868, the yield of ore from the mine was 77,957 tons, producing in bullion $1,873,992, or an average of $24.14 per ton. The survey has been made with the view of obtaining a patent under the act of July 26, 1866, and upon presentation of the proofs necessary as a basis for patent, the same will be issued.

THE PATENT OFFICE.—Commissioner Fisher was engaged until after 11 o'clock in hearing arguments in the Heck sewing thread dressing patent. Yesterday he heard arguments on the application of Stevens, Crosby & Pearson for an extension of their patent for a seed planter. There are on the Commissioner's desk quite a number of appeals and interference cases which have accumulated. These are receiving the attention of this officer, who has gone to work in earnest to bring up the work of the office, and there are evidences of increased energy in all the branches of the office.

A DELEGATION OF COLORED MEN, resident in this city, accompanied by ex-Representative Lincoln, of New York, called upon Vice Admiral Porter yesterday, to urge the employment of colored men at the navy-yard as caulkers. One of the party said that his father and grandfather had worked for the Government in that capacity, and desired employment himself. The admiral promised to lay the matter before Secretary Borie upon his return to the city, and remarked that he had no doubt the application could be favorably considered. It is understood the committee desire the same privileges extended to colored mechanics at all the navy-yards in the country.

IMPORTANT COMMERCIAL REGULATIONS.—Hon. John Lynch, of Maine, whose constituents are largely interested in trade with Cuba, yesterday succeeded in procuring from the Government a satisfactory arrangement of the question of tonnage duties between this country and the Spanish colonial ports in the West Indies. Under a conditional Spanish decree of June, 1868, foreign vessels arriving in these ports were placed on the same footing as regards tonnage dues as Spanish merchants were, provided their several Governments placed Spanish vessels upon the same footing with their own in their respective ports. This decree applied at once to the vessels of Great Britain, France, North Germany, Sweden, Norway, and Denmark, but the vessels arriving in Cuban ports from the United States alone have been subjected to a discriminating tonnage duty of one dollar per ton. To remedy this, Congress passed, in March last, a conditional law admitting Spanish vessels on the same footing as our vessels were admitted in Spanish ports. This act and the Spanish decree, however, each made it obligatory on the other to act, and Mr. Lynch having explained the case to Secretary Boutwell, he has issued a circular letter to collectors, instructing them to admit the Spanish vessels on the same footing with American vessels. This the Secretary of State will communicate to the Spanish Government and the tonnage duties on our vessels arriving in Cuba will be reduced from $2.35 to $1.55.

THE EXECUTIVE MANSION.—Yesterday was a busy day at the Executive Mansion, the reception room being thronged with visitors and patient waiters. Among the prominent callers were Wm. A. Howard, our new Minister to China; R. H. Hendershot, drummer boy of the Rappahannock; Col. Markbreit, United States Minister to Bolivia, and others. Several members of the religious denomination of Dunkards, *en route* to the Lynchburg Baptist Convention, also called to pay their respects. Several gentlemen of the District called to urge the appointment of General George Thomas to the city post office in place of Colonel Alexander, but did not succeed in obtaining an interview. General Thomas was a resident of this city for many years until recently he moved to Georgetown. He was a graduate of West Point, but for many years past has been a notary in the office of the chief of engineers, United States army. Mr. Z. C. Robbins was also a visitor, and was informed that the Washington city post office matter had been definitely settled, Postmaster General Cresswell having sent to the President the name of Hon. J. M. Edmunds to be postmaster of this city. The nomination was yesterday approved by the President and sent to the State Department, in order that his commission may be prepared. The commission will probably be sent to the President by Secretary Fish to-day, and Mr. Edmunds will shortly enter upon the discharge of his duties, relieving Colonel Alexander, the present incumbent.

THE AURORA—ITS FREAKS WITH THE TELEGRAPH.—About 12 o'clock yesterday, auroral currents became quite observable upon the telegraph wires, and rapidly increased in force until they interfered materially with the workings of the lines, and at times entirely stopped the transmission of dispatches. The effect of these currents was felt upon the wires of the Western Union Company all over the country—especially between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, and between this city and Lynchburg, Va.—both of these lines being worked with considerable facility upon the auroral currents alone, the galvanic batteries having been detached.

Some of the wires between Washington and New York were also worked in the same way, and Mr. Marean, the chief operator of the day force, succeeded in an interesting experiment, viz: the substitution of a return wire for the ordinary ground circuit, upon which the same phenomena were observable as when the ends of the wire were connected with the earth. The interruptions continued until between 6 and 7 o'clock, when they entirely ceased, and during the night the wires worked as finely as ever.

There are several questions which will suggest themselves to the *curious* in regard to these demonstrations, among others whether the mountains over which the two lines most effected pass had any influence in inducing an excessive auroral current to pass. The Philadelphia and Pittsburg line was the first to discover that the auroral current could be used in transmitting messages, and has upon all occasions of its presence had more than an average of these favors.

The Lynchburg line has been more recently constructed and there has not been so careful an observation made of these demonstrations upon it. Another question which will no doubt receive attention is, whether there was any connection between the thunder storm of last evening and the cessation of the auroral exhibition.

It is possible that a series of careful observations upon the telegraph wires may lead to a satisfactory solution of the nature of the auroral phenomenon.

WASHINGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT ASSOCIATION—INTERESTING CORRESPONDENCE WITH GEN. SHERMAN.—At the meeting of the Washington National Monument Association, held on the 4th instant, Gen. W. T. Sherman was unanimously elected second vice president of the society, to fill the vacancy caused by the election of Gen. Grant as President of the United States, whereby he became president *ex officio* of the association.

The secretary, J. Carroll Brent, esq., having, on the 6th instant, informed the General of his election, received in reply the following letter:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE U. S.,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 7, 1869.

John Carroll Brent, esq., Washington National Monument Society:

DEAR SIR: Yours of the 6th is received, and I am much obliged for the compliment intended in my election as second vice president, but I fear I am too much engrossed by business that will not admit of my doing justice to the place, and I therefore beg you will excuse my serving. I feel an interest in the success of your undertaking, and may, at some future time, drop in at one of your meetings on the first Tuesday of each month.

I shall look over the pamphlet you were kind enough to send me, and for it and your politeness in this matter, please accept my cordial thanks.

Your friend, W. T. SHERMAN, General.

Upon the receipt of the above, the secretary having requested the General to reconsider this declination, the following letter of acceptance was received:

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF THE U. S.,
WASHINGTON, D. C., May 9, 1869.

John Carroll Brent, esq., Secretary of the Washington National Monument Association:

DEAR SIR: On the faith of your letter of May 8, and with the distinct understanding that I am not expected to work, I will accept the honorary position that has been tendered me so flatteringly. Appreciating your zeal in the matter, I hope to see the monument rise to its proper dimensions under the present management.

With great respect, yours truly,
W. T. SHERMAN, Gen'l.

FEDERAL OFFICES FOR COLORED MEN—ADDRESS OF THE NATIONAL COLORED MEN'S COMMITTEE.—The National Executive Committee of the colored men of the nation called upon President Grant yesterday afternoon at 3 o'clock, by appointment, to pay their respects. In the course of the interview Mr. F. G. Barbadoes read the following address:

MR. PRESIDENT—SIR: Having been appointed, by the National Convention of Colored Men recently assembled in this city, to represent them in all political matters, we have gladly taken advantage of a statement published by trustworthy newspapers of the Republican party, respecting your Excellency's intentions in a very important matter, to seek this interview.

The statement to which we refer is to the effect that your Excellency intends to appoint in the Northern States to important positions such colored men as could discharge the duties with profit and honor to the public service.

Knowing this reputed intention to be eminently in keeping with the record of your Administration, we have thought that a few suggestions made by this committee, familiar with the North, might lend some support to the policy indicated.

We are assured that the appointment of competent and trustworthy colored men to prominent positions in the Northern States would give a death blow to objections against our holding such positions in the South by convincing the South that it is not true that the North wishes to force a policy upon them which it is not willing to accept itself. If negroes are elevated to important places in the General Government in Rhode Island, the problem of negro office holding becomes easy of solution in Georgia.

Then, too, we think that if in the Northern States, where the negroes are numerically weak, they are permitted to share some of the honors of citizenship with their white fellow-citizens, our brethren in the South, where they are numerically strong, would the more willingly share their political privileges with their white fellow citizens, and the whole race will be strengthened in its patriotism by the knowledge that the negroes are no longer regarded as a separate class in politics.

The colored men of the North have already furnished such proofs of manhood as to lift the question of fitness for office out of the arena of mere experiment. We furnished from among ourselves to the North your present yoke-fellow for many white abolitionists during the dark period of anti-slavery agitation, when the foundation was being laid for the existence of the Republican party—a foundation which