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FOR RENT.

FOR RENT—SEVERAL FURNISHED ROOMS can be had by applying at No. 462 Louisiana avenue.

FOR RENT—FURNISHED PARLOR, with gas and hot and cold water, suitable for gentleman. FOR RENT at No. 406 6 street.

FOR RENT—410 F STREET, OPPOSITE Masonic Temple; rooms nicely furnished, in quiet single; modern conveniences. dec29-3t

FOR RENT—NEW STORE AND DWELLING, four rooms, kitchen, bathed, on Third street, between C street and Indiana avenue. Also, nine new houses, containing six rooms well finished, on Pennsylvania avenue, between First and Second streets southeast; rent low. Inquire at No. 224 Second street southeast. dec23-4t*

FOR RENT—PLEASANT ROOMS ON CAPITOL HILL. Apply at No. 25 north B street, near Delaware avenue. 1*18

FOR RENT—TWO LARGE, NICELY FURNISHED ROOMS at No. 1218 9 street northwest. oct-17

STORES NO. 398 AND 398 NINTH STREET for rent. Apply to G. M. HAYWARD & CO., or D. MOORE, 397 same. nov25-tf

FOR RENT—PARLOR, WITH CHAMBER adjoined, at No. 396 H street, with a small private family. Terms reasonable. References required. Also, front room on second floor. nov25-tf

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE CHEAP—A SECOND-CLASS TICKET to ST. LOUIS, Mo., via Baltimore and Ohio railroad. Address, G. W. ODELL, Post Office. dec29-3t*

PARTIES WANTING A SEVEN OR eight-roomed HOUSE, in a first-class locality, that can pay all cash, or nearly so, can be accommodated by applying to R. A. CHAPMAN, 1112 Eleventh street northwest.

FOR SALE—SEVERAL SIX-ROOM BRICK HOUSES, in good location, with water, gas, hall and door bells, to settle with $1,000 cash down, and balance in easy time. A bargain is offered. Inquire of R. A. CHAPMAN, 1112 Eleventh street northwest.

FOR SALE—AN ELIGIBLE LOT ON D street, between Second and Third, FRONT 50 feet in width and 150 feet deep. Will be sold cheap if taken at once. Also, one lot on Q street, between Ninth and Tenth streets, 50 feet front, and 150 feet deep, with a comfortable DOUBLE COTTAGE, of 10 rooms, and all the conveniences. Also, 10 lots in Brightwood, Washington, fronting on the MACADAMIZED ROAD, opposite the Seventh street road, and extending back to Sixteenth street south, between First and Second; on First, between F and G, and on Delaware Avenue, between First and Second, and on Seventh street. Apply to THOS. E. WAGGAMAN, dec20-tf 320 Seventh street.

FOR SALE—WE WILL SELL AT A great sacrifice our stock of Liquors and Fixtures on account of our lease having been terminated, and Eighteenth street was, and take our Distillery Warehouse off the same.

WARES & ANDERSON, Auctioneers, dec27-3t Corner Tenth and D streets.

FOR SALE—TWO HANDSOME RESIDENCES, situated on Thirteenth street, between F and G, contain all the modern improvements. Apply to COURSE & MIDDLETON, Brokers, 433 Pennsylvania street. dec22-3t

LONG BOAT MANY ELLA FOR SALE. Will be sold on TUESDAY, JANUARY 6, at 3 o'clock p. m., at SEVENTEENTH-STREET WHARF, foot of Washington street, Georgetown, D. C. Long Boat Mary Ella; in good repair, and equipped complete. The boat may be purchased at private sale before that day upon application to GEO. HILL, JR. dec29-3t

FOR SALE—A FINE DRIVING HORSE; owner having no further use for him; as fine a horse as a lady or child can drive. Can be seen at 1 Ho. ne place, corner of 7 street northwest. dec29-3t

FOR SALE—A LARGE LIST OF DESIRABLE BUILDING LOTS, at peace prices, and on easy terms. F. W. HOLDEN, dec29-colm 311 Seventh street.

FOR SALE AT A GREAT SACRIFICE—Two elegant Mansard roof, pressed-brick houses, 14 rooms each, with water and gas, and all the modern improvements; situated on Vermont avenue and Lafayette Square street, paved and painted, and in one block of the city. Terms easy. Will take a small cash payment, and the balance can be paid in monthly payments, or Board of Trade improvements. F. W. HOLDEN, dec29-tf Real Estate Broker, Louisiana first class.

FOR SALE CHEAP—NO COMMISSIONS TO pay—a good DWELLING-HOUSE, with from 6 to 10 rooms, in different parts of the city. Prices ranging from $1,800 to $4,000; small cash payment on each, long time on the balance. Also, a few choice BUILDING LOTS in various parts of the city. Also, 24 acres, very productive, one quarter mile from Uniontown, D. C. Call on or address PHIL. B. WELTNER, dec1-tm 425 F street, Masonic Temple.

FOR SALE BY AUSTIN P. BROWN, Corner New York avenue and Fifteenth street, THREE LARGE DOUBLE HOUSES, ranging in price from $6,000 to $8,000, and several other first-class Houses. ONE WHOLE SQUARE OF GROUND and lots, all fronting on Florida avenue, Sixteenth street and Seventh street, and Florida avenue, Chestnut and all the streets. HOUSES and LOTS at Mount Pleasant. jy14-tf

BUILDING MATERIALS

Lumber! Lumber!

Wheatley Brothers,

CORNER OF SEVENTH AND Q STREETS NORTHWEST, D. C.

Nos. 8 WATER STREET, GEORGETOWN, D. C. my24-tf

T. EDW. CLARK. T. E. CROSS, JR.

T. EDW. CLARK & CO.,

DEALERS IN LUMBER, WOOD AND COAL, DOORS, SASH, BLINDS, MOULDINGS, &c., &c.

Central Office, 621 Louisiana avenue. Wharf, Depot and Planing Mill foot of Fourth street east. Lumber Yards—Fourteenth and B streets northwest; Virginia avenue and Ninth street southwest. jl11-tf

OPTICIANS.

EXAMINE THE MICROSCOPE. $3.50. H. H. HEMPLER, 452 Pennsylvania ave., cor. Four-and-a-half street. sept2

BROKERS.

NOURSE & MIDDLETON, BROKERS, 418 Fifteenth Street, BONDS AND STOCKS BOUGHT AND SOLD. DISTRICT BONDS A SPECIALTY. Special Improvement and General Sewerage Taxes settled at lowest rates. Orders at the STOCK EXCHANGE promptly executed. 6-oct-6m

DON'T PAY YOUR TAXES FOR SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS OR SEWERAGE, UNTIL YOU HAVE CONSULTED DICKSON & PATTERSON, who are enabled to furnish property-owners with DISTRICT BONDS RECEIVABLE IN PAYMENT FOR TAX ASSESSMENTS at the lowest rates, saving you a large discount. Office—No. 425 Fifteenth street and 210 Fourteenth street. dec2-tf

PETER CAMPBELL,

STOCK BROKER, 1428 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, NEAR THE TREASURY.

Gives special attention to investments in all kinds of interest-bearing securities. Makes large donations in Paying Special TAXES for general sewerage improvements, whereby we pay the whole or one fifth part. A description of the lots will be sufficient without the trouble of calling on the Collector for Tax Bills, which, in many instances nearly one half your bill may be saved. RIGHT PER CENT. BONDS always on hand. Orders by mail promptly attended to in person. jan1-tf

F. A. BOSWELL, Late Supt'r of Assess. and Taxes. H. A. BALL, F. A. BOSWELL & CO., Stock Brokers, 322 Four-and-a-half street northwest, Near Board of Public Works building. Special attention given to the settlement of Sewerage and Special Improvement Taxes. Highest rates for District bonds. Attention given the settlement of claims for old material. 6m

W. C., VIRGINIA MIDLAND AND G. S. R. R. RAILROAD COMPANY. On and after Monday, December 8, 1873, one daily train through between Washington and Lynchburg, in the great line from New York to New Orleans, connecting at Lynchburg with the Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad at Gordonsville and Charlottesville for Richmond and South, and all the lines to the Ohio river and West. Leave Washington, from corner of Sixth and B streets, at 7:05 a. m., by rail to Alexandria. Leave Alexandria at 7:35 a. m., and arrive at Lynchburg at 6:00 p. m. Leaves Lynchburg at 8:00 a. m., and arrives at Washington at 6:30 p. m. NIGHT EXPRESS. Leaves Washington daily, excepting Sunday, at 4:40 p. m., for Alexandria, 5:20 p. m., and arrives at Gordonsville, 1:35 a. m., connecting closely with Chesapeake and Ohio express train to and from Richmond, and connecting with Chesapeake and Ohio Limited Express for the West. Leave Gordonsville, 2:5, m., and arrive at Washington at 8 a. m., in time for all North and West connections. FOR MANASSAS LINE. Leave Washington, corner Sixth and B streets, 7:05 a. m., daily, except Sundays. Buy tickets at 508 Pennsylvania avenue, or at office, corner Sixth and B streets. dec1 J. M. BROADUS, G. T. A.

JAMES H. McGILL, ARCHITECT, 506 B street, opposite Post Office. nov23-tf

WANTS.

WANTED—$1,000 OR $1,500 FOR ONE year, at 10 per cent., on good improved property in the central part of the city. Address, J. C., City Post Office.

WANTED—A SMART SERVANT, CAPable of doing the cooking, washing and ironing of a small family; none other need apply. Also, wanted, a YOUNG GIRL, to attend a child. Apply at the Eighth street northwest. dec29-3t

WANTED—A WOMAN TO COOK, WASH, and iron. References required. Apply at No. 216 E street southwest. dec29-3t

AN ENERGETIC BUSINESS MAN, OF large practical experience, thoroughly educated in all business details, both of office and out door, a good accountant and possessing some capital, desires to form an engagement with some first-class established commercial, mercantile or manufacturing house, with a view to an ultimate copartnership. Address, confidentially, H. B., 1419 Republican office. 1*19

EUREKA EMPLOYMENT OFFICE, NO. 1110 E street, between Eleventh and Twelfth. MRS. LOUISE C. BUTLER. fr2-tf

ALL KINDS OF CAST-OFF WEARING APPAREL can be sent to the very best advantage by addressing or calling on JOSEPH, 320 D street, between Ninth and Tenth, northwest. Notes by mail promptly attended to. Cash paid. feb5-tf

NOTICE—THAT E. S. JUSTH, 615 D street, between Sixth and Seventh streets northwest, sells custom-made second-hand Clothing at less than half the cost of ready-made new ones. E. S.—second-hand clothing of all kinds bought at fair cash prices. mh17-tf

WANTED—EVERYONE TO KNOW THAT the popular Sewing Machine "SHUTTLE" has its needle self-setting, the most perfect shuttle is positive feed, lightest, durable, and works of itself; easy running, simple, and durable; the most complete machine for all work in use. Agency No. 548 Pennsylvania avenue, between Four-and-a-half and Sixth streets. Also agent for Demorest's Patterns. T. W. SPICER, Agent. 1*-tf

PERSONAL.

MONEY TO LOAN ON UNITED STATES Government bonds. W. WILBERFORCE, dec29-2t National Metropolitan Bank.

COPARTNERSHIP DISSOLUTION.—AND NOTICE.—The copartnership heretofore existing in the manufacture and sale of brick under the firm name of BARRELL, SMITH & CO., is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business will be continued by the undersigned, who will pay all the debts of the firm and receive the outstanding accounts under the firm name of Barrell, Smith & Co. dec29-7t*

TAX BILLS FOR SPECIAL IMPROVEMENTS and for sewerage settled at a discount of 12 per cent. Money to loan by the MODERN BANKING COMPANY, 315 Seventh street. dec18-tf

IMPORTANT NOTICE. GOOD INVESTMENT FOR TAX-PAYERS. The general improvement and sewer taxes will be paid at the very lowest rates. Tax bills under one hundred at a large discount. Information cheerfully furnished. All bills payable and notes bought. D. H. WARNER, Real Estate Broker, dec8-tf 19 Seventh street.

TO CAPITALISTS OR OTHERS DESIRING to embark one or more thousand dollars in a new and profitable business, with a gentleman of this city, can hear of an industry by addressing, address in full to J. H. K., 232 Pennsylvania avenue, Washington, D. C. oct30-tf

HAS REMOVED TO NO. 423 LOUISIANA avenue, a few doors west of Four-and-a-half, and opened a full line of Guns, Pistols, Fishing Tackle and Sporting Goods. JOHN F. PARROTT. jy26-tf

LEGAL.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE. WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23, 1873. On the petition of JOHN ROSENBERGER, of Philadelphia, Penn., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 16th day of March, 1858, for an improvement in Turning Lathes. It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 20th day of February next; that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 6th day of March next; and that said petition be heard on the 20th day of February next. Any person may oppose this extension. dec24-7t*c M. D. LEGGETT, Commissioner.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE. WASHINGTON, D. C., December 24, 1873. On the petition of ALEXANDER H. and JOHN GOWMAN, of Massillon, Ohio, praying for the extension of a patent granted to them on the 27th day of June, 1859, for an improvement in Harvesters. It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 20th day of February next; that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 6th day of March next; and that said petition be heard on the 20th day of March next. Any person may oppose this extension. dec24-7t*c M. D. LEGGETT, Commissioner.

FINANCIAL.

FREEDMAN'S SAVING AND TRUST COMPANY, BANKING HOUSE, No. 607 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. Opposite United States Treasury. ALL PROFITS paid to DEPOSITORS, as interest, semi-annually. INTEREST TO DEPOSITORS, 6 per cent. INTEREST ON DEPOSITS, 3% and upwards, from the FIRST OF EACH MONTH. Open from 9 a. m. to 4 p. m., Mondays and Saturdays (deposits only) from 9 to 8. jy2-tf

THE FIVE CENTS SAVINGS BANK, Corner Four-and-a-half street and Virginia avenue southwest. SIX PER CENT. INTEREST PAID ON DEPOSITS. BUY AND SELL GOLD. F. A. BOSWELL, Manager. ph2-tf

J. E. SQUIER & CO., BANKERS, 1426 PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE, Washington, D. C. Eight per cent. Interest paid on Deposits. Collections made everywhere. Pay of Officers in the Army cashed in advance. n7-1m*

COLUMBIAN BANK NOTE COMPANY, No. 606 Pennsylvania Avenue, WASHINGTON, D. C. We are prepared, with every facility, for Engraving and Printing BANK NOTES, BONDS AND COMMERCIAL WORK OF EVERY KIND, &c. JOHN G. WELLSTOOD, President. GEO. T. SONES, Vice President Treas. JOHN W. WATERS, Secretary. 1y24-MWF

GERMAN AMERICAN SAVINGS BANK, No. 513 SEVENTH STREET, Opposite the Post Office Department. Bank hours 9 a. m. to 4 p. m. Saturdays open until 8 p. m. to receive deposits only. Interest allowed on deposits. Collections made and exchange furnished. JOHN RUPP, President. A. SCHLOSS, Vice-Pres't. W. ECKINGER, Sec. & Treas. JOHN H. SHEA, Cashier. nov

J. F. BRODHEAD, BROKER, No. 595 FIFTEENTH STREET, STOCKS AND BONDS BOUGHT AND SOLD. Special Improvement and Sewer Taxes paid at rate much lower than the bonds can be purchased. Also, Sewerage Improvement Bonds, Funding Bonds, and other securities of the District of Columbia constantly on hand, and for sale at the lowest market rates. Also, choice securities of Western States, paying twelve to fifteen per cent. on the investment. Orders executed at the Washington Stock Exchange on commission. nov21

PROPOSALS FOR STATIONERY. POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Washington, December 26, 1873. Sealed proposals will be received at this Department until January 20, 1874, at 12 o'clock, noon, for furnishing stationery for the bureaus of this Department for the one year from February 1, 1874. Blank forms of proposals stating the quality and estimated quantity of each article, will be furnished on application to the First Assistant Postmaster General. Each proposal must be signed by the individual or firm making it, and be accompanied by a guaranty, certified to be responsible and sufficient by the Postmaster of Boston, Mass., or Philadelphia, Penn., or Baltimore, Md., that the bidder shall, within ten days after being called upon so to do, execute a contract to furnish promptly, and in quantities as ordered, the articles or articles awarded to him; to be accompanied by a bond, with approved security, in a penalty of five hundred dollars, that the articles (if the articles to be furnished by said bidder, contributed upon the faithful performance of the same. Proposals for stationery in Vienna last summer. will not be considered. Proposals for stationery in Vienna last summer, will not be considered and accepted, or rejected, upon or before the 1st day of February, by the Postmaster General, who reserves the right to reject any or all bids if in his judgment the interests of the Department would be promoted thereby. The bids of the Department will, in all cases, decide whether the articles tendered by the contractor are of the kind and quality required by the contract. The Postmaster General reserves the right of rejecting any or all bids if in his judgment the interests of the Department would be promoted thereby. Samples of paper and envelopes will be furnished, and supplies of stationery will be delivered on application to the Assistant Postmaster General. Each proposal must be indorsed on the envelope "Proposals for stationery," and be directed to the First Assistant Postmaster General. JNO. A. J. CRESWELL, dec22-Mtw Postmaster General.

UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., December 16, 1873. On the petition of THOMAS BROWNEE, of Pittsburg, Penn., praying for the extension of a patent granted to him on the 22 day of April, 1860, for an improvement in Feed Water Arrangement for Steam Boilers. It is ordered that the testimony in the case be closed on the 20 day of March next; that the time for filing arguments and the Examiner's report be limited to the 10th day of March next; and that said petition be heard on the 20th day of March next. Any person may oppose this extension. dec16-7t M. D. LEGGETT, Commissioner.

HENRY R. SEARLE, ARCHITECT, 710 E Street, Opposite Post Office Department. ja16-tf

CAPITOL AND DEPARTMENTS.

NEW LIBRARY BUILDING.

As act of March 3, 1873, authorized a commission consisting of the chairman of the Joint Committee on the Library, the chairman of the Committee on Public Buildings and Grounds, on the part of the Senate, and the Librarian of Congress, to decide on a plan for a new building for the library of Congress, with an appropriation of five thousand dollars to procure architectural designs, and with further power to select a plan, and to supervise the location and erection of a building.

The commission advertised in leading newspapers in the large cities of the country for designs for a library building, and at the same time furnished to architects a series of outline suggestions to guide them in submitting plans for such an edifice. A premium of fifteen hundred dollars was offered for such a design, as should be adjudged the best by the members of the commission; one thousand for the next best, and five hundred dollars for the third best.

Up to November 15, 1873, when the competition was closed, twenty-eight designs had been received, and the reward, which is payable on or before December 31, has been awarded as follows: The first premium of $1,500 to the design submitted by Messrs. R. J. Pelz and J. L. Smithmayer, architects of this city. Mr. Smithmayer, it will be remembered, has taken an active part in the Terra Cotta works at "Terra Cotta City," on the Metropolitan railroad. Mr. Pelz is the chief engineer of the Lighthouse Board. The second premium of $1,000 was awarded to Messrs. Peabody, of Boston, and the third premium of $500 to Schulze, Schoen & Clauss, of New York. Ten out of the twenty-eight plans submitted were found so meritorious that the commission awarded to their authors the sum of $100 each. These designs were by Sam'l Sloan, J. C. Walker, John Fraser, A. B. Jones, J. W. McLaughlin, E. G. Lind, Addison Hutton, J. W. Chandler, J. H. Blackfell and Schumacher & Lautrup.

The design selected, that of Messrs. Pelz & Smithmayer, is of the Italian renaissance order. The interior is arranged for a large central reading room, 160 feet in diameter, and 160 feet high. From the central room all the alcoves and corridors radiate. The administrative portion of the building, librarian's office, &c., is at the front. The basement is designed chiefly for newspapers and periodicals, and the general arrangement is in many particulars like that of the British museum. In the four corners of the building are eight large books, containing staircases, etc. The exterior is of granite. The entire interior for the use of the library is of iron. The capacity of the library is 2,000,000 volumes, and it is so planned that it can be enlarged to 3,000,000. By the use of the Italian renaissance style a building not incongruous with the Capitol is obtained, though it is not a copy of the Capitol. It has six domes, and nearly as flat roofs. The reading room is surrounded by a cupola, but this will not show above the roof.

INDIAN RAIDS.

The following telegrams were received yesterday at the War Department, forwarded through Gen. Sheridan:

FORT LARAMIE, NEB., Dec. 26.—It is reported here to-day that several parties of Indians are driving stolen stock in the vicinity of Scott's Bluff and Horse Creek. Shall I go for them? JOHN E. SMITH, Colonel 14th Infantry, commanding.

The adjutant general of the Department of the Platte telegraphed: "Go for them, and say you but be sure and hit the guilty parties. GEORGE D. RUGGLES, Assistant Adjutant General.

FORT LARAMIE, Dec. 26.—Gen. Smith: I have ordered Capt. Egan, with seventy-five men, to scout the country between Scott's Bluff and Horse Creek. I would suggest that a company of three cavalry at Sidney be ordered to scout the country over on Lawrie's Fort. JOHN E. SMITH, Colonel 14th Infantry.

Upon the receipt of this last telegram, Gen. Ord directed Lt. Wood, commanding the post of Omaha barracks, Omaha, to send a company of cavalry to make a scout in the direction indicated. Gen. Smith is the kind of man that does "go for them" when he sets about it.

AT EUROPEAN MAILS FOR JANUARY.

The Postmaster General has determined, upon the ground that they have heretofore made the best time, to give the European mails, for the month of January, to the following steamers: Holsatia, American Packet Company; Baltic, White Star Line; Rhein, North German Lloyd; Wieland, Williams & Guion; Calabria, Cunard; Cambria, Hamburg-American Packet Company; Oceanic, White Star; Weser, North German Lloyd; Nevada, Williams & Guion; Algeria, Transatlantic Company; Hansa, Hamburg-American Packet Company; Republic, White Star; Nurnberg, North German Lloyd; Manhattan, Williams & Guion; Russia, Cunard; Silesia, Hamburg-American Packet Company; Adriatic, White Star; Main, North German Lloyd; Wyoming, Williams & Guion; Hecla, Eagle Line; Java, Cunard; Teutonia, Hamburg-American Packet Company; Celtic, White Star; Donau, North German Lloyd.

THE TORPEDO SERVICE.

Assistant Engineer George W. Baird, United States navy, now on duty at the Navy Department, has been designated to prepare drawings for two capstan engines, to be placed in Admiral Porter's fast torpedo boat, now nearing completion at New York. Engineer Baird is the inventor of the class of engines designated. The torpedo boat building at the Boston navy yard from drawings of Chief Naval Constructor Hanscom will be completed and ready for service February 10. The vessel will carry attachments for six torpedoes, which can be directed at will against the sides or bottom of a ship or any channel obstruction. It is expected that the Porter will prove the fastest vessel to attain a speed of fifteen knots per hour, consuming but twenty-seven tons of coal per day. It is rumored that she will take station with the North Atlantic fleet, now on our Southern waters.

THE EDGAR STEWART.

In the case of the Edgar Stewart, the Attorney General was advised about a week since of the character of the vessel, and acting upon this information, the Secretary directed Commodore Jenkins to hold the vessel in reserve, and upon application for clearance to refer the whole matter to the Department for examination; that her character was suspicious, and she was fitted out in a manner to the Cuban insurrectionists. Mr. Williams instructed the District attorney at Baltimore to make an investigation and report to the Department of Justice. There is no foundation for the statement that the papers relating to the Edgar Stewart had been forwarded by the collector at Baltimore to the Secretary of the Treasury for the latter's opinion. The facts are that some days since the Treasury Department received certain information which gave rise to suspicion.

NAVAL INTELLIGENCE.

Surgeon J. B. Tyson ordered to the naval hospital, New York; Surgeon Geo. H. Cooke to the navy yard, Norfolk, Va.; Acting Assistant Surgeon T. S. Sowerby to the Naval Academy, 15th January next. Commander C. A. Babcock, Lieut. Wm. C. Gibson, Surgeon J. H. Tinkham and Assistant Paymaster T. S. Wright, detached from recruiting duty at Burlington, Vt., and placed on waiting orders; Commander Jos. P. Tyler and Master N. E. Tallman, from recruiting duty at Detroit, Mich., and placed on waiting orders; Commander E. E. Potter and Passed Assistant Surgeon M. C. Drennan, from recruiting duty at Chicago and placed on waiting orders; Lieut. Com. W. Whitehead, Lieut. J. C. Chaffee and Midshipman Charles Belknap, from recruiting duty at Toledo, Ohio, and placed on waiting orders; Lieut. E. L. Tanner, Master J. E. Upton and Passed Assistant Surgeon E. H. Ware, from recruiting duty at Buffalo, N. Y., and placed on waiting orders.

MAIL ROBBER CONVICTED.

On the 9th instant Wm. Archer, late a route agent on the Macon and Brunswick railroad, who was arrested in this city in May last by Captain John Frey, of Richmond, Va., special agent of the Post Office Department, on a charge of robbing the United States mail, was tried and convicted in the United States District Court at Savannah, and, on the 20th instant, was sentenced by Judge Erskine to imprisonment in the penitentiary at Albany, N. Y., for three years and six months and to pay a fine of $100 and the costs of prosecution.

Special Agent John E. Walker, of Pennsylvania, whose services were brought into requisition in the arrest and prosecution of that man, received valuable assistance, and is deserving of much credit for the final result.

PATENT OFFICE RULES.

It appears that Thos. B. Upperman, a patent agent of this city, has been charged with misapplication of the funds sent to him for fees to the Patent Office, thereby defrauding both the office and his client. Upperman confessed his delinquency, but protested there was no intention to defraud, and asked thirty days' time to make up the sum of money. This was granted by the Commissioner, and was afterwards extended thirty more at the request of Mr. Upperman. He then failed to pay up, and as complaints against him continued to be filed, the Commissioner has issued an order prohibiting him or any firm of which he is or may be a member from ever practicing before the Patent Office in any and all cases.

CONVENTION OF PATENTEES.

Hon. J. M. Thacher, Assistant Commissioner; Hamilton A. Hill, of Mass., and Wm. P. Blake have called a convention of patentees, to meet in Washington on the 14th of January, for the purpose of discussing the subject of patent protection, and, if thought desirable, of organizing a United States patent association to overcome the difficulties to which American inventors are now exposed in attempts to secure some protection for their inventions in foreign countries. The above-named gentlemen were members of the international patent congress at Vienna last summer.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

The business of this Department being constantly upon the increase, demands more room, and in order to avoid renting private buildings in the vicinity, the Postmaster General will shortly submit to Congress plans and estimates for the improvement of the Post Office Department building, prepared by Supervising Architect Mullett. Together with a recommendation that an appropriation of $1,000,000 be made to enlarge the building.

KU-KLUX CONSPIRATORS.

The following persons have been recommended by the Attorney General for pardons: J. W. Carson, of North Carolina, sentenced last October to six months' imprisonment and to pay a fine of $1,000 for detailing himself without disguise, Neal Tarrant and Binghit Young, of Alabama, imprisoned for Ku-Klux conspiracy, the first for ten years and the lad for four years.

ILLICIT STILLS SEIZED.

Commissioner Douglas has a telegram from K. R. Cobb, supervisor of the Nashville district, announcing the seizure in the Second and Third collection districts of Tennessee of fifteen distilleries and the seizure of fifty thousand gallons of beer, some five stocks, copper stills, &c.

FINANCIAL.

The United States Treasurer and Assistant Treasurers have commenced the payment of the January gold interest without rebate.

The receipts from internal revenue reported yesterday crowded half a million, being $420,794.34.

OUR SPANISH RELATIONS.

THE MISSION OF HON. CALEB CUSHING AND ITS OBJECT.

NEW PHASE OF THE VIRGINIUS COMPLICATION—A NEW TREATY AND ITS PROBABLE BASIS—THE RIGHT OF SEARCH AND THE STATUS OF FILLIBUSTERS.

The policy of the Government regarding our relations with Spain will soon assume such a distinctive and positive form as to prevent the possibility of a recurrence of the Virginius affair. Propositions will soon be submitted to Spain of such a character as to insure, in the event of their acceptance, peace and quiet upon the island of Cuba, either through a compromise between the insurgents and the Madrid Government or some equally effectual method. It is sufficient to add in this connection that the Government does not seek the annexation of the island, and that it will be satisfied with any arrangement which will free the United States from a constant possibility of a recurrence of the many unpleasant controversies which have occurred since the insurrection began.

No advices of any character have been received regarding the alleged intention of the Spanish Government to demand the return of the Virginius and a reparation for damages.

The telegrams from Madrid in which these allegations are embodied, are pronounced to be without foundation. While it is known that a strong feeling very naturally exists in Spain against the substitution by Castelar to the requirements of the Polo-Fish protocol, it is also known that the Spanish authorities will patiently await the arrival of a new Minister from the United States before attempting, if they intend to attempt, to reopen the controversy.

It is not expected, however, that under any circumstances a demand for the return of the Virginius will be made. In the protocol the provision for the adjudication of her case is definitely made, and as Spain agreed without reservation to this provision, the United States will hold her strictly to the agreement. But if such a demand should be made, it will be instantly rejected.

The proceedings of the Spanish Admiralty Court sitting at Havana, which resulted in the condemnation of the Virginius as a naval prize or capture by the Spanish navy, have been superseded by the higher authority of the protocol, and will therefore be ignored in any future consideration of the question.

When Mr. Cushing arrives at Madrid in the capacity of a regularly-accredited Minister from this Government, it is probable that the Spanish Government may open negotiations for the purpose of making a treaty between the two Governments, the provisions of which shall more positively define the authority of either Power to ascertain the character of vessels suspected to be engaged in illegal or filibustering expeditions. It is believed that Spain is ready now to accord to us permanently the right which has been conceded in the Virginius case, to determine in our own way any question arising from actual or alleged violations of our registry laws, and to punish in our own way such persons as may be found to have fraudulently carried the American flag at the mast head of any vessel during a voyage or expedition against the peace and authority of a friendly nation.

The main point to be settled by this proposed treaty is the treatment or punishment which shall be accorded to persons who may be captured in filibustering acts, as the members of the crew of the Virginius were. The laws of Spain now provide that they may be treated as pirates, while international law defines piracy to be the commission of acts of robbery or murder upon the high seas. It is evident, therefore, that the laws of Spain are at variance with established international law, and that while a vessel, such as the Virginius, may be seized upon an unfriendly act toward Spain, or any other treaty-making Power, she cannot be adjudged as a pirate, first, because her mission is unfriendly to one Power alone, and second, because her mission is not one of murder or robbery upon the high seas.

It will be seen that the questions here presented will, when discussed with a view to the negotiation of a treaty, involve the consideration of the traditional policy of the United States against the Right of Search. Spain will probably insist that without the privilege on their part to exercise that right it is possible that filibustering expeditions may sail from ports of the United States to her great disadvantage and injury. The United States will maintain that unless a belligerent condition exists by the recognition of the Spanish Government, no authority to interfere with vessels sailing under the American flag can possibly be recognized, and that when such recognition of belligerency does exist, if the right of search is exercised, it must be at the risk of grave consequences by the Government which exercises it.

It must be apparent that it is impossible at this juncture to foreshadow anything more than the briefest and most general outline of the projected treaty; but the foregoing may be accepted as the basis upon which the two Governments will begin the negotiations.

SPAIN.

MAJORITY FOR CASTELAR IN THE CORTES.

MADRID, Dec. 29.—It is believed Castelar will have a majority in the Cortes, and that this is insured to him by the support of Figueras.

THE INSURRECTION.

The *Imparcial* says the insurgents of Cartagena are preparing to fly from the city, and are getting ready for that purpose.

Reports have been telegraphed from Bayonne that the troops in Biscay, under the command of General Lorne, had pronounced in favor of Alphonso. They are officially declared without foundation.

A STARTLING REPORT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—A *Herald* special, dated Madrid, says: The Cortes meets January 2, when Serrano will be placed at the head of Spanish affairs. England, France, Prussia and Italy are pledged to recognize Serrano as President, on the same basis as the navy recognized the President of the French republic. Minister Layard has the same all ready to issue the opportune document for recognition. The news is kept a secret, but it positive. If the Reds rise to oppose recognition the Powers are expected to interpose in the matter as in the Carlist war.

PERSONAL.

Senators Mitchell, of Oregon, and Sargent, of California, had an audience of the President yesterday.

James P. Kelcher, of Louisville, Ky., was yesterday appointed second assistant engineer in the Revenue marine, and has accepted the appointment.

Hon. W. W. Miller, Speaker of the House of Delegates of West Virginia, arrived in the city last night, and is quartered at the Arlington. The Legislature of West Virginia adjourned after six days' session. Speaker Miller will spend the holidays in Washington.

General B. J. Sweet, first deputy commissioner of internal revenue, was lying at the point of death yesterday evening at his residence in this city. He was taken ill with the pneumonia about a week since, but on Saturday last he had so greatly improved that it was believed by his physicians and friends that all danger had passed. On Sunday, however, he had a relapse of the disease, and on yesterday all hopes of his recovery were given up.

RECORD OF CRIME.

Thomas Carragan, of New York, is held for trial on the charge of killing Wm. Angelist by hitting him with a stone last October.

A boy of fourteen years was arrested at Philadelphia yesterday upon the charge of committing a rape upon a child four years old.

The trial of Maggie Jourdan, for aiding in the escape of Sharkey, convicted of murdering, from the New York Tombs, was begun yesterday in the Court of General Sessions.

At Lynn, Mass., yesterday morning John Conlon and Thos. Gately, the principals in the late prize fight at Saugus, were held each in $5,000 to appear on Thursday morning next for examination.

Christine Smith, aged twenty-four, a servant, gave birth to a child at Philadelphia last evening at the residence where she was employed. A physician was sent for, but when he arrived she said she did not need his services. This aroused suspicion, and a search revealed the fact that it was Blackman, the Frenchman, who struck the fatal blow, instead of O'Leary, as at first reported. As Blackman is an intimate friend of Kemper's family, it is believed he was called to the house and committed the bloody deed at the instigation of O'Leary, who is a desperate character. Both have been committed for trial.

BRIEF TELEGRAMS.

The steamer Powhatan passed up to the Norfolk navy yard yesterday.

The Cotton Exchange was formally opened yesterday at Memphis.

Hercules' the Pacific Mail Steamship Company will dispatch but one steamer a month from San Francisco to China and Japan.

Yesterday, in Baltimore, Otto A. Hoff, aged thirteen, attempted to jump on a car on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, as it was passing along Pratt street, and was run over and killed.

HIGHER FREIGHT RATES.

THE NEW RATES TO BE IMPOSED AFTER JANUARY 1.

NEW YORK, Dec. 29.—For some time past the subject of an increase of freight rates to the West by the trunk lines, as the New York Central, Erie, and Pennsylvania railroads are known, has been discussed by the officials of the roads mentioned. Heretofore the rates have been raised when navigation on the lakes closed, so that the competition by steamers is abruptly ended. It is understood that this year the opposition of the Grand Trunk railroad, of Canada, and the Vermont Central railroad has been the cause of the delay in raising the rates to and from the West. The new rates go into effect from January 1. The following is a comparative statement of the old and new rates for the five classes of freight per 100 pounds:

To Cleveland—Old rate, 49, 46, 39, 30, 22; new rate, 60, 50, 40, 30, 25.

To Cincinnati—Old rate, 70, 64, 55, 43, 32; new rate, 85, 75, 70, 55, 41.

To Indianapolis—Old rate, 71, 66, 57, 45, 32; new rate, 85, 85, 71, 57, 43.

To Louisville—Old rate, 86, 81, 71, 55, 44; new rate, 115, 102, 86, 71, 55.

To St. Louis—Old rate, 97, 94, 79, 61, 49; new rate, 125, 115, 97, 79, 61.

To Quincy—Old rate, 97, 91, 79, 61, 49; new rate, 125, 115, 97, 79, 61.

To Chicago—Old rate, 75, 70, 60, 45, 35; new rate, 100, 85, 70, 60, 46.

To Detroit—Old rate, 55, 49, 42, 32, 25; new rate, 70, 60, 42, 32.

To Toledo—Old rate, 56, 54, 45, 35, 29; new rate, 77, 65, 54, 45, 35.

The change affects interest all shippers, either East or West. The increased rate has been anticipated for some time past, and therefore it will not cause much surprise. In consequence of that belief, large quantities of freight have been sent forward during the past two or three weeks, and it is probable that shippers will, during the next three days, forward all the freight they can in order to take advantage of the old schedule of rates.

JAY COOKE & CO.

STATEMENT OF H. C. FAHNESTOCK.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—The statement of H. C. Fahnestock, of the New York house of Jay Cooke & Co., was filed to-day. On September 18 he signed over all his effects to Joel Barlow Moorhead in trust for his creditors. The statement shows there are four parties who are to be paid in full, secured by priority, three of whom, Jay Cooke, Henry Cooke and Henry Cooke, of New York, total about $4,000. The interest on bonds amount to over $25,000, and the cash on hand is over $800,000, but it is not available, being tied up with Jay Cooke & Co.'s bills of exchange, promissory notes and securities over which personal property, $5,000; notes in action, stocks, &c., $700,000.

THE DOMINION OF CANADA.

ROYAL APPROVAL OF THE GOVERNOR GENERAL.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—The Governor General has received a dispatch from Earl Kimberly, conveying the Queen's approval of the Governor General's course in connection with the late proceedings in the Canadian Parliament in connection with the Canada railroad trouble and the change in the Colonial government.

GERMANY.

THE REGENCY ABANDONED.

LONDON, Dec. 30, 6 a. m.—A special to the *Daily Telegraph* from Berlin says the project to make the Crown Prince Frederick William regent has been abandoned