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WASHINGTON, D. C., April 27, 1866.

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The present session of Congress cannot fail to be in many respects the most momentous in the history of our Government. In accordance with requests repeatedly urged from many quarters, the Editors of the Magazine will extend the "MONTHLY RECORD OF CURRENT EVENTS," so as to present a full account of the prominent measures proposed, the arguments by which they shall be advocated and opposed, and the final action taken in respect to them, with abstracts of all important documents which will hereafter form a part of the history of the great crisis through which the nation is passing. It will be the aim of the writer of the Record to present a fair statement of facts and of the expressed opinions of representative men; not to set forth his own views.

The extension of a particular Department will in no wise affect the general scope of the Magazine, which will continue to be devoted to Literature, Social Improvement and Art. Ample arrangements have been made, with old and new contributors, for furnishing matter in every department.

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Or lilies floating in some pond,
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PROPOSALS.

MAYOR'S OFFICE,

WASHINGTON, May 4, 1866.

Proposals will be received at this office until 12 o'clock, m., on TUESDAY, May 15th, instant, for grading Twelfth street west, from N street north to the boundary line, or so much thereof as the Mayor may direct.

Bidders will state the price per cubic yard for cutting and filling, only that which measures must be paid for.

The surplus dirt, if any, to be deposited wherever the Commissioner may direct; if it should require any dirt to make up deficiencies, it shall be also taken from where the Commissioner may direct.

No part of the appropriation will be paid until the work is approved by the Commissioner and Assistant Commissioners. JAMES W. SPALDING,

my7-eotd Commissioner Second Ward.

UNITED STATES MILITARY RAILROADS.

OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER, 200 G Street, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 26, 1866.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until 12 m., MONDAY, May 21, for the purchase from the United States of all the Iron Work for nineteen spans of "Howe's Improved Truss Bridges," consisting of the Rods, Plates, Bolts, and Dowels suitable for the different spans, the latter varying in length from eighty to one hundred and forty-one feet.

The Iron is now stored at the works of the Cleveland Rolling Mill Company, Cleveland, Ohio, and will be sold by the pound.

A detailed bill of the Iron, and length of the spans, may be obtained on application at this office.

Terms: Cash, in Government funds.

The United States reserve the right to reject all bids, if not deemed advantageous.

Proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for the Purchase of Bridge Iron." F. J. CRILLY,

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SALE OF GOVERNMENT LUMBER.

CHIEF QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, DEPOT OF WASHINGTON, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 3, 1866.

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Payment (in Government funds) will be required upon notification of acceptance of bid, and prior to the delivery of the Lumber, which must be removed within fifteen days after the proposal is accepted.

Proposals should be signed with the bidder's full name, and give his post office address, and endorsed "Proposals for the Purchase of Lumber," and directed to D. H. RUCKER,

Brevet Maj. Gen. and Chief Quartermaster,

my4-10t Depot of Washington.

PROPOSALS FOR MAIL BAGS.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 12, 1866.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until nine o'clock, a. m., the 4th day of June next, for furnishing during the period of one year, from and after the 1st day of July, 1866, such quantities of the following kind of Mail Bags as may from time to time be required and ordered, to wit:

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The sacks of size No. 2 are to be made of jute canvas, weighing not less than eleven ounces to the yard, of 24½ inches width; the warp and weft to be nearly as above described.

The sacks of size No. 3 are to be made of thinner jute canvas, weighing not less than four and a half ounces to the yard, of 19½ inches width.

Those of sizes No. 1 and No. 2 are to be made with a tabling or hem at the top two inches wide, upon which a sufficient number of eyelet holes—at least ten to the former and eight to the latter—are to be well wrought, and they are each to be provided with a good and sufficient hemp cord to lace and tie them thoroughly and strongly. Unless seamless, they are to be made with two seams, secured each with two rows of sewing. All are to be marked inside and outside "United States Mail," in large and distinct letters.

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The specimens must be delivered at this Department on or before the 4th day of June next, and every one submitted should be well and distinctly marked with the number denoting its size, and have attached to it a sample of the cloth or canvas (six inches square) of which it is made. Such as can with safety and convenience be used in the service will be paid for at the prices specified in the proposals relating thereto.

A decision on the bids will be made on or before the 9th day of June next, and the accepted bidder will be required to enter into contract, with sufficient bond and security, on or before the 1st day of July, 1866.

☞ The proposals should be transmitted in sealed envelopes, and endorsed "Proposals for Mail Bags," and be addressed to "The Second Assistant Postmaster General, Contract Office, Washington, D. C."

W. DENNISON,

ap14-w4w Postmaster General.

GOVERNMENT SALE OF THE MILITARY RAILROAD AT BRAZOS SANTIAGO, TEXAS.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 19, 1866.

The attention of capitalists seeking a profitable investment is invited to this sale.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Quartermaster General, (Division of River and Railroad Transportation,) Washington, D. C., until the first day of June next, at 12 o'clock, m., for the purchase of all the right, title, and interest of the United States in and to the United States Military Railroad from Brazos Santiago to White's Ranche, Texas.

The sale will include the entire track and sidings, buildings, water stations, turntables, bridges, &c., the railroad materials and supplies pertaining to the road, together with the rolling stock, cars, machinery, and other equipment.

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The terms of payment accepted will be those considered the most favorable to the Government.

Ten per cent. cash, in Government funds, to be paid on acceptance of proposal.

The Government reserves the right to reject any all proposals.

Proposals should be endorsed "Proposals for purchase of Brazos Santiago and Rio Grande Railroad," and addressed to the Division of River and Rail Transportation, Quartermaster General's Office, Washington, D. C.

By order of the Quartermaster General.

ALEXANDER BLISS,

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2. *Resolved*, That our confidence in the ability, integrity, patriotism, and statesmanship of President JOHNSON is undiminished, and we cordially approve the general policy of his administration.

3. *Resolved*, That we endorse the resolution of Congress of July, 1861, declaring the object of the war on our part to be the defence and maintenance of the supremacy of the Constitution and the preservation of the Union, with the dignity, equality, and rights of the several States unimpaired.

4. *Resolved*, That, in the language of the Chicago platform of 1860, and as quoted by the late President LINCOLN in his first inaugural address, "The maintenance inviolate of the rights of States, and especially of the rights of each State to order and control its own domestic institutions according to its own judgment exclusively, subject only to the Constitution of the United States, is essential to that balance of power on which the perfection and endurance of our political fabric depends."

5. *Resolved*, That under the Constitution of the United States is reserved to the several States the right to prescribe the qualifications of electors therein; and that it would be subversive of the principles of our Government for Congress to force universal suffrage upon any portion of the country in opposition to the known wishes of the citizens thereof.

6. *Resolved*, "That this Union must be and remain one and indivisible forever;" that the war for its preservation having been brought to a triumphant close, and the supremacy of the Constitution vindicated, the rights of the States under the Constitution are to be maintained inviolate, and that loyal citizens within the States and districts lately overrun by rebellion are entitled to all the rights guarantied to them by the Constitution.

7. *Resolved*, That all the States of the Union are entitled by the Constitution of the United States to representation in the councils of the nation, and that all loyal members duly elected and returned, having the requisite qualifications as prescribed by law, should be admitted to their seats in Congress without unnecessary delay by their respective Houses, each House being the judge of the election returns, and qualifications of its own members.

8. *Resolved*, That treason is a crime which should be punished, and that we are opposed to compromising with traitors by bartering "universal amnesty" for "universal suffrage."

9. *Resolved*, That the payment of the national debt is a sacred obligation, never to be repudiated; and that no debt or obligation incurred in any manner whatever in aid of treason or rebellion should ever be assumed or paid.

10. *Resolved*, That we cordially endorse the restoration policy of President JOHNSON as wise, patriotic, constitutional, and in harmony with the loyal sentiment and purpose of the people in the suppression of the rebellion; with the platform upon which he was elected; with the declared policy of the late President LINCOLN, the action of Congress, and the pledges given during the war.

11. *Resolved*, That the nation owes a lasting debt of gratitude to the soldiers and sailors of the late war for the suppression of the rebellion, and that the families of the fallen heroes who died that the country might live, are the wards of the people, and should be cared for by the Government.

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RECONSTRUCTION OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The following is an abstract of "a bill in addition to the several acts for establishing the temporary and permanent seat of the Government of the United States, and to resume the legislative powers delegated to the cities of Washington and Georgetown and the Levy Court of the District of Columbia:"

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That the several acts incorporating the cities of Washington and Georgetown, and amendatory of and in addition thereto, are hereby repealed; and the legislative powers delegated to said cities are hereby resumed, and, till otherwise provided by law, shall be exercised exclusively by Congress.

NUMBER & DESIGNATION OF EXECUTIVE OFFICERS.

SEC. 2. *And be it further enacted*, That the executive officers of said District shall be—

Three commissioners;

A private secretary of the President for the District of Columbia;

A solicitor of the District of Columbia;

An assessor of taxes;

A collector of taxes;

A treasurer;

A comptroller of the treasury;

A clerk of the commissioners;

An engineer or surveyor; a superintendent of weights and measures; a board of police, consisting of the commissioners and six citizens of the District; a police clerk; a superintendent of police; ten sergeants of police; police patrolmen, as many as the commissioners deem necessary, not exceeding 150; local patrolmen; special patrolmen; a superintendent of streets and highways; supervisors of streets and highways;

A fire department, consisting of a chief engineer;

Necessary fire companies, each to consist of one foreman, one engineer, one fireman, one hostler and six extra men;

One hook and ladder company to consist of one foreman, one hostler, one tillerman, six extra men, supernumeraries, as many as the commissioners deem necessary;

Fire alarm and police telegraph, consisting of one superintendent, one assistant superintendent, and three operators;

A water department consisting of the commissioners, and superintendent, and draughtsman.

APPOINTMENT AND TERMS OF OFFICE.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the President, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, shall appoint the three commissioners, the private secretary of the President for the District of Columbia, the assessor of taxes, the collector of taxes, the treasurer, the comptroller of the Treasury, the engineer or surveyor, the superintendent of police, the superintendent of weights and measures, the superintendent of streets and highways, the chief engineer of the fire department, the superintendent of the water department; and all these shall hold their offices for four years, unless sooner removed, at the pleasure of the President. All the other executive officers shall be appointed by the commissioners, and shall hold their offices at the pleasure of the commissioners.

QUALIFICATIONS FOR OFFICE.

SEC. 4. *And be it further enacted*, That the commissioners must be citizens of the United States, domiciled in the District of Columbia, and not under twenty-five years of age.

The private secretary of the President for the District of Columbia must be a citizen of the United States, and not under twenty-one years of age.

The solicitor of the District of Columbia must be a member of the bar of the Supreme Court of the United States and of the supreme court of the District.

The assessor, collector, treasurer, comptroller, and engineer or surveyor must be citizens of the United States, domiciled in the District.

The medical members of the board of health must be physicians, who have practiced at least one year in the District.

The superintendent of weights and measures must be a citizen of the United States, at least twenty-one years of age, and must, before he can be appointed, produce a certificate of his competency from the Superintendent of the United States Coast Survey.

The board of police shall consist of three commissioners, of three citizens of the city of Washington, and one of the city of Georgetown, and a citizen of the county quarter of the District.

No person shall be appointed to, or hold office in the police force, or be Superintendent of Police who cannot read and write the English language, or is not a citizen of the United States, or who shall ever have been indicted and convicted of crime, and who shall not have the qualifications prescribed by the commissioners.

The Superintendent of Streets and Highways must be a citizen of the United States, domiciled in the District.

The chief engineer of the fire department, the fire engine, foreman and engineers must be domiciled in the District, and practical and skilful steam engineers.

Section 5th prescribes the form of bond and oath for officers charged with the collection, receipt or disbursement of public money.

Section 6th provides that every officer shall be commissioned by the same authority that appointed him.

SALARIES AND COMPENSATION.

SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That the following salaries shall be allowed to said officers, respectively, payable from the treasury of the District quarterly, upon the comptroller's warrant:

To each commissioner, $2,500;

To the private secretary of the President for the District, $2,000;

To the attorney and marshal of the United States for the District, each $6,000, as prescribed by the acts of Congress;

To the assessor of taxes, to the collector of taxes, one half of one per centum on the amount collected;

To the treasurer, $1,800;

To the comptroller of the treasurer, $1,800;

To the engineer or surveyor, 1,000;

To the clerk of the commissioners, $1,200;

To each member of the board of health, to the superintendent of weights and measures, to the superintendent of public instruction, to the officers and members of the police force, the compensation allowed by existing laws;

To the superintendent of streets and highways, to the supervisors of streets and highways, each, to the officers and men of the fire department, the compensation now allowed by law or ordinance.

The remaining sections, 134 in number, relate to vacancies, salaries and compensations, "powers and duties" of the commissioners, the secretary, assessor, treasurer, comptroller, clerk of commissioners, engineer or surveyor, board of health, board of police, superintendent of police, superintendent of streets and highways, fire department, water department, etc. Also, to revenue, assessment, taxation, &c. The 47th section provides that every male citizen of the District between the ages of 21 and 50 years shall pay a poll tax, except persons wounded in the military service of the country, deaf and dumb or blind, incapable of labor, ministers of the gospel, and persons exempt by particular laws.

On taxable property the 49th section declares that the following property shall be taxable, with the exceptions enumerated in the next section:

1. All lands and town lots;

2. All saw, grist, and other mills, distilleries, breweries, foundries, forges, establishments for mining, quarrying, working marble, making carriages, and other manufacturing establishments, turnpike gates or roads, bridges, ferries, and wharves;

3. All jewelry, gold and silver watches and chains, gold and silver plate and ornaments over the value of fifty dollars, pianos and all household furniture over the value of five hundred dollars;

4. All pleasure vehicles;

5. All race-horses used for racing, and entered and trained or run during the year preceding the assessment, and all horses and mules;

6. All neat cattle and sheep;

7. All capital lent or deposited at interest, in or out of the District, including money of orphans, legatees, and distributees, or other beneficiaries, in the hands of guardians, administrators, and executors or trustees, and by them lent or deposited at interest;

8. All investments by inhabitants of the District in stocks out of the District;

9. All other stocks.

EXEMPT.

SEC. 50. *And be it further enacted*, That of the property enumerated in the next preceding section, the following shall be exempt from taxation:

1. Lands and town lots belonging to the United States, and the buildings and property placed thereon, while used by the Government for the public service;

2. All property belonging to the District;

3. All property of a literary, scientific, or benevolent institution, actually used for the purposes for which such institution was created, unless it is invested in stocks or employed in some other than the regular business of the institution;

All houses of religious worship and their appurtenances.

The following sections were added to the bill originally reported, and stand as a part of the amended bill now before the Senate:

PRIOR OBLIGATIONS TO BE ADHERED TO.

SEC. 142. *And be it further enacted*, That acts and ordinances repealed by this act remain in force for the trial and punishment of all past violations of them, and for the recovery of penalties and forfeitures already incurred; and for the preservation of all rights of individuals or corporations, and their remedies existing by virtue of them; and so far as they apply to any office, trust, judicial proceeding, right, contract, limitation, or event already affected by them.

A DELEGATE FOR THE DISTRICT.

SEC. 143. *And be it further enacted*, That the people of the District of Columbia shall have one delegate in Congress in the House of Representatives, with the rights and privileges of a delegate for the Territories, to be elected by the male inhabitants thereof who are by law qualified to vote in said District. The first election of said delegate shall be held on the first Monday of September anno Domini 1866, and every successive election on the same day two years afterwards.

THE MERCHANTS' BANK.

Report of the Bank Examiner—Heavy Loss to the Government.

Hon. Freeman Clarke, Comptroller of the Currency, Washington, D. C.:

SIR: On the 30th day of April ultimo I informed you that the examination of the National Bank of Baltimore city, Md., (then being made,) indicated that the Merchants' National Bank of Washington, D. C., had been, or was likely to be, a loser by the house of Bayne & Co., of Baltimore, to an extent which would make an early examination into the condition of that bank desirable; whereupon I had the honor to receive your instructions to proceed with an examination of said bank at the earliest practicable moment after completing the examination in Baltimore. The remaining investigations in that city threw much light upon the affairs of the Merchants' Bank. Among other things, certified checks of the Merchants' Bank to the amount of one hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars, ($125,000,) pledged as a collateral, of which no record is found here.

In compliance with such instructions, an examination of said bank was commenced on Monday, the 7th day of May instant, and is still progressing.

The first step taken in the examination was to cause a statement to be prepared from the books of the bank showing the amount of liabilites and of resources: A condensed copy of such statement is herewith inclosed, marked "Appendix A."

Simultaneously with the preparation of such statement, an examination of assets found in the bank was made, and a careful scrutiny of the accounts of other banks and individuals commenced, with a view to a verification or otherwise of such statement.

Already it is made manifest that large discrepancies exist in the accounts of some of the creditors of, as well as debtors to, the bank, as shown by the books of the bank, on one side, and the statements of account received from the said creditors and debtors within the last three days on the other. As examples of these discrepancies it may be stated that there is a difference of about two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) in the indebtedness of Bayne & Co., as shown by the books of the bank, and by their statement of account, received the 10th instant, and a difference of about twenty-nine thousand dollars ($29,000) in the credit of the Union Bank of Maryland, as stated by the respective banks.

It became plain, therefore, that an adjustment of these discrepancies must be made before a certain knowledge of the amount of liabilities and resources can be obtained.

There are, however, several of the most important liabilities which are fixed and definite, and upon these I shall proceed to make detailed report.

The first liability of the bank is for its circulating notes outstanding. This is as follows, viz:

Amount of circulating notes received from the Comptroller of the Currency	$180,000
Less mutilated notes found in the bank	190
Amount of circulating notes outstanding	179,810

There is in the hands of the Treasurer of the United States especially to meet this liability the following bonds, to wit:

Five-twenty bonds	$200,000

On these bonds there is due accrued interest in gold for six months ending on the 1st of May instant, amounting to six thousand dollars, ($6,000.) This (counting both bonds and interest at their par, and not their market value,) gives two hundred and six thousand dollars ($206,000) with which to redeem the outstanding circulation. Without making any allowance for notes likely to be destroyed, this sum is unquestionably fully sufficient for the purpose, with a surplus of twenty-six thousand one hundred and ninety dollars ($26,190) available to meet other liabilities of the bank.

The next and most important of the bank is its indebtedness to the United States, and to the disbursing officers and agents of the Government. The following is a statement in detail of said indebtedness, as taken from the books of the bank, and believed to be entirely correct:

To the credit of the Treasurer of the United States	$57,031 99	
To the credit of the Treasurer of the United States for service of P. O. Department	1,535 00	
		$58,566 99
To the credit of disbursing officers and agents, as follows, viz:		
Lt. Col. Hodge, paymaster	$65,006 00	
D. N. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs	20,690 32	
Major Thomas H. Gardner, paymaster	5,376 82	
Thomas J. Hobbs, disbursing clerk, Treasury Department	25,200 00	
Lt. Col. E. E. Paulding, paymaster	505,851 74	
Lt. Col. J. B. M. Potter, paymaster	11,887 47	
H. A. Risley, superintendent and special agent	24,541 36	
Brig. Gen. H. L. Robinson	220 91	
Lt. Col. W. B. Rochester, paymaster	378 71	
Elijah Sells, Superintendent Indian Affairs	5,083 85	
Maj. J. S. Stewart, paymaster	81	
Maj. D. Taylor, paymaster	5,000 00	
Winnebago Trust Lands	3,348 70	
E. B. Olmstead, P. O. Department	2 215 77	
		703,745 58
Total		762,312 57

There is in the hands of the Treasurer of the United States, for the special purpose of meeting the liability of this bank to the Government, ten thousand dollars ($10,000) in ten-forty bonds and ninety thousand dollars ($90,000) in 7 3-10 notes, amounting to one hundred thousand dollars ($100,000.)

To show to some extent how this large item of indebtedness to the Government and disbursing officers and agents was created, I deem it my duty to report to you certain facts, derived from sworn statements, as follows, viz:

On the 20th day of April ultimo several interviews and consultations were held by and between interested persons and others, the object of which was to arrange for the transfer of funds to the Merchants' National Bank, and *by the bank* to Bayne & Co., for the avowed purpose of saving Bayne & Co. from suspension, and thus saving the bank. It is said to have been fully explained and well understood by the persons present at these interviews that unless Bayne & Co. could receive from $150,000 to $250,000 without delay they must fail, and that their failure would involve the failure of the bank.

The persons known to have been present at one or more of these interviews and consultations, and cognizant of the condition of the bank, were Mr. L. Huyck and Mr C. A. Sherman, president and cashier of said bank; Mr. C. W. Boteler, Jr., Mr. Oscar King, directors; Mr. L. P. Bayne, of Bayne & Co., Baltimore; Mr. Huntingdon, cashier of the First National Bank; Mr. Frissel, assistant cashier of the National Bank of the Metropolis, and Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Paulding, paymaster U. S. A. After stating these facts, to show how far the true condition of the bank was shown on the 20th day of April, it remains for me to give a list of the depositors of the Government and disbursing officers' and agents' funds from that date until the final suspension of the bank, on Thursday, the 3d of May instant, and the amounts deposited by them respectively:

May 1. Deposited by Brigadier General H. L. Robinson to his own credit		$30,000 00
May 3. Deposited by Brigadier General H. L. Robinson to the credit of the Treasury of the United States, the same having been drawn from the bank		51,258 93
April 20 D. N. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs	$5,916 89	
April 23 D. N. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs	4,074 00	
April 25 D. N. Cooley, Commissioner of Indian Affairs	799 71	
		10,790 60
April 27 Thomas J. Hobbs, Disbursing clerk, Treasury Department		25,200 00
April 21 Lieutenant Colonel E. E. Paulding, paymaster		200,000 00
April 25 J. B. M. Potter, paymaster		20,000 00
April 30 H. A. Risley, superintendent and special agent		22,934 94
April 25 Lieutenant Colonel William B. Rochester, paymaster		23,000 00
April 21 E. B. Olmstead		5,000 00

Of the two hundred thousand dollars ($200,000) thus transferred to the bank by Lieutenant Colonel Paulding on the 21st of April, one hundred and fifty thousand dollars ($150,000) were transferred to Bayne & Co. in manner following, viz: Fifty thousand ($50,000) were placed to their credit with Scott, Capron & Co., in New York, by the First National Bank; a further sum of fifty thousand ($50,000) was placed to their credit with Hoyt, Anthony, Douglass & Co., by the said First National Bank. A check on New York, drawn by the First National Bank, was placed in the hands of Mr. Oscar King, for Bayne & Co., which check was duly delivered. The remaining fifty thousand of the two hundred thousand ($200,000) were paid to the Merchants' National Bank in currency—thirty thousand of which were used to make good certain checks given by the bank to them the day next previous; making a total of one hundred and eighty thousand dollars ($180,000) virtually paid to that house. The balance, it is alleged by the officers of the bank, was used in paying checks in the regular course of business.

The next liability to be noticed is given in the statement as

"LOANS,"

one hundred and fifteen thousand dollars ($115,000.) These loans have been made from two banks, one in New York and one in Washington. To secure their repayment the "bills receivable" of the bank are said by the officers to have been used as collaterals, to the amount of one hundred and ninety-nine thousand five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents ($199,528.48.) I have been able to verify the existence of these absent "bills receivable" to the amount of about sixteen thousand dollars ($16,000) only. If these notes are all paid or collected, it will (without taking the interest into consideration) leave the sum of eighty-four thousand five hundred and twenty-eight dollars and forty-eight cents ($84,528.48) available to meet other liabilities.

To individual depositors there is due, according to the statement, the sum of thirty-eight thousand six hundred and ten dollars and eighty-nine cents ($38,610.89.) This amount may be somewhat varied. A careful examination of these accounts is being made in comparison with the depositors' books, which will be reported hereafter.

And finally, the indebtedness of this bank to other banks and bankers constitutes a liability for which there is no special security. It is given in the statement at sixty-five thousand eight hundred and seventy-two dollars and twenty-six cents ($65,872.26.) As before stated, this item is liable to be materially changed, and can only be finally determined after an adjustment of accounts between the parties. Any change that may be made in it will naturally increase it rather than diminish it.

The assets as found in the bank are as follows, viz:

Legal-tender notes	$313 50	
Fractional currency	27 68	
Seven-thirty Treasury notes	50 00	
Specie	20 08	
U. S. Coupons	24 00	
National currency	16 00	
State currency	1 00	
Revenue stamps	432 11	
Postage stamps	4 50	
		$789 07
Special deposits—Cash	1,044 14	
Checks	244 40	
		1,288 54
Bills receivable (not yet due)		9,020 43
Bills receivable (past due)		11,000 21
Bills receivable (protested)		12,848 29
Furniture and fixtures charged at		5,07 20
Total amount of assets found in bank		41,963 70
There is said by the officers to be absent from the bank and under hypothecation for loans as before stated, bills receivable to the amount of		$199,528 48
Amount borrowed thereon		115,000 00
Leaving nominal assets to amount of		84,528 48
Liabilities of Bayne & Co., given in the books of the bank as		714,710 54

The amount of this item is unsettled between the parties, and at present no estimate can be formed of its value.

Bayne & Co. have failed and made an assignment; a copy of this assignment is inclosed herewith, marked "Appendix B."

Due from national and other banks and bankers	$80,840 69

No reason is known why this item is not perfectly good, unless there shall prove to be some difference or dispute as to the amount. The indications are that these balances will be much reduced.

Several minor items mentioned in the statement are not found. They may prove to be used as collaterals for loans. They are as follows:

100 shares of National Bank of Staunton, Va., stock	$10,000 00
U. S. Bonds (entered as)	5,612 65
Seven-thirty notes (short)	50 00
	15,662 65

I subjoin a recapitulation of the assets and liabilities above enumerated for the purpose of more convenient reference and comparison, as follows, viz:

LIABILITIES.

National circulating notes outstanding	$179,810 00
Due U. S. Treasurer and disbursing officers and agents	762 312 57
Loans	115,000 00
Individual depositors	38,610 89
Due to other banks and bankers	65,872 26

ASSETS.

Bonds in hands of U. S. Treasurer with accrued interest thereon	$306,000 00
Cash assets	2,077 61
Bills receivable not yet due	9,020 43
" " past due and protested	23,847 44
" " said to be hypothecated	199,528 48
Furniture and fixtures charged at	5,017 20
Bayne & Co.'s indebtedness, (called)	714,710 54
Due from national and other banks and bankers	80,480 69
Minor items said to be used as collateral	15,662 65
Secretary of the Treasury	2,276 00

It may be seen that the capital stock is not entered above as liability. In an insolvent bank it may cease to be a *liability* and become a *resource* under the stockholders' liability clause of the national currency act.

In conclusion, I respectfully state that this report has been hastily prepared with the view of placing before you at the earliest possible moment some of the more important facts relating to this bank under examination, and with the intention of submitting another report hereafter.

I have the honor to be, respectfully, your obedient servant, JOHN BULL,

Bank Examiner.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 11, 1866.

Appended to the report is the affidavit of Leonard Huyck, the president of the Merchants' National Bank, detailing the circumstances which led to the transfer, by Paymaster Paulding, of funds from other national banks to the Merchants' Bank.

APPENDIX A.

Statement showing the condition of the "Merchants' National Bank," Washington D. C., May 7, 1866, as taken from the books of the bank:

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Bills receivable		$232,670 21
Bayne & Co		714,710 54
Bonds deposited with the U. S. Treasurer, viz:		
To secure circulation	$100,000	
" U. S. deposits	400,000	300,000 00
Due from national banks		18,246 67
Due from other banks and bankers		32,504 03
Expense account		5,612 32
Furniture and fixtures		5,017 20
Internal revenue stamps		1,000 00
Stock of the National Bank of Staunton, Va., left with Ocean Bank, N. Y., as collaterals		10,000 00
Premiums		17,084 46
Suspense account		1,005 25
Secretary of the Treasury		2,276 00
U. S. bonds		5,612 65
U. S. seven thirty notes		100 00
Cash in the hands of teller		23,199 96
		$1,370,230 00

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Capital		$200,000 00
Circulating notes received from Comptroller of the Currency		180,000 00
Certificates of deposits outstanding		4,555 00
Due to national banks		63,305 87
Due to other banks and bankers		566 60
Due to U. S. Treasurer	$57,031 99	
Due to U. S. Treasurer for service Post Office Department	1,535 00	58,566 99
Due to disbursing officers and agents of the United States		703,745 58
Due to individuals not included above		38,610 89
Loans		115,000 00
Profit and loss		272 19
Exchange		111 38
Interest		2,307 47
Surplus		1,159 24
		$1,370,230 00

Cure for Cholera.

MESSRS. EDITORS: I send to you below the receipe of the Liverpool Dock Committee, of 1849, for the cure of cholera. It was shown that 127 men of the north works, and 93 men at the dock yards who had been attacked by diarrhœa or cholera, had taken the medicine prescribed, and the whole of them had recovered. Ten men at the north works and thirteen at the dock yards, similarly attacked, but who had not taken the medicine, had died. In not a single case had the prescription failed.

Receipe for Diarrhœa and Cholera.—Three drachms of spirits of camphor; three drachms of laudanum; three drachms of oil of turpentine; thirty drops of oil of peppermint.

Mix, and take a teaspoonful in a glass of weak brandy and water for diarrhœa, and a tablespoonful in weak brandy and water for cholera.

Lose no time in sending for medical attendance, when attacked, and inform the doctor of what has been taken.

Medical men assert, and experience shows, that this is an excellent remedy, and well worth being kept on hand in every family.

W. W. HUBBELL.

Philadelphia, April 28, 1866.

—*Scientific American.*

THE small safe of Davenport, Mason & Co.'s Taunton, New Bedford and New York Express was thrown off the steamboat train on the Stonington Railroad last Friday night between East Greenwich and Westerley. It was found next morning robbed of its contents, the value of which is as yet unknown.

"What is God?" "The necessary being, the sum of eternity, the mechanist of nature, the eye of justice, the watcher of the universe, the soul of the world."

"What is hope?" "Hope is the blossom of happiness."