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CONGRESSIONAL PROCEEDINGS.

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TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1870.

SENATE.

Mr. Revels presented a memorial from the colored men of Philadelphia for the passage of the bill to secure to all persons the equal protection of the laws. Referred to Committee on the Judiciary.

Mr. Wilson introduced a joint resolution for the better observance of Sunday in the military and naval academies. Referred to Committee on Military Affairs.

Mr. Drake introduced a bill to incorporate the Metropolitan Presbyterian church in the city of Washington. Referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

Mr. Howell then took the floor in support of his resolution, that in every grant of lands to railroads a proviso shall be inserted securing the rights of actual settlers, and made an able argument; after which the resolution introduced by him was adopted.

Mr. Osborn introduced a bill to give rank to civil engineers, and assistant naval constructors in the navy. Committee on Naval Affairs.

The Senate then resumed the consideration of the funding bill.

Mr. *Ferry* gave notice of an amendment to be inserted as an additional section:

SEC. —. Whenever proof shall be exhibited to the satisfaction of the Secretary of the Treasury of the loss or destruction of any registered bonds of the United States, issued under authority of any act of Congress, it shall be lawful for the said Secretary, upon receiving bond with sufficient security to indemnify the United States against any other claim on account of the bond alleged to be sold, lost or destroyed, to issue to the person who had lost it or in whose possession it was destroyed a new registered bond of the same value as the one lost or destroyed.

Mr. Corbett offered as a substitute for the first three sections the bill introduced by him on December 13, and argued in support of the same.

The Senate then, at 2 p. m., went into executive session, and then adjourned.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Mr. Butler, of Mass., introduced a bill to increase the pay of grand and petit jurors in the Circuit Courts of the United States. Referred to Committee on Judiciary.

A number of bills were offered, but objected to, and finally Mr. Brooks demanded the regular order, and the resolution extending the time for removing whisky out of bond was taken up, the question being upon Mr. Prosser's amendment to make the additional amount to be paid per proof gallon half a cent. per month. The amendment was rejected, and the proposition emanating from the Ways and Means Committee to make it one cent per month was agreed to.

The resolution passed.

Mr. Cake, of Pa., from the Committee on accounts, in compliance with a resolution offered by Mr. Dawes, in December, submitted a report of the account of money drawn from the contingent fund of the House by chairmen of committees authorized by the present Congress to make investigation of matters submitted to them. From this statement it appears that during the existence of the present Congress the Committee on Elections has expended $26,416.05; Ways and Means, $5,772.52; Foreign Affairs, $6,807.80; Judiciary, $3,564.09; special committee on decline of American commerce, $3,000; Committee on Naval Census, $2,143.18. Of the amount $26,000 has been paid, and appropriation will be required to pay the balance. The Committee on Accounts was directed to audit the accounts of the committees and make the required recommendation in the premises.

Mr. Logan, of Ill., from the Committee on Military Affairs, submitted a report on the case of Mr. John T. Dewease, of North Carolina, who is charged with selling appointments. The committee find him guilty, and that he was influenced by improper motives, and recommend the adoption of a resolution that Mr. Dewease's conduct shows him to be unworthy of a seat in Congress and unworthy to be a Representative of the people.

The testimony is reported also. First is the testimony of Mrs. M. H. Bean, who resides at the United States Hotel in this city, and whose son was appointed to the Naval Academy by Dewease. The appointment was procured by Captain Coombs, a mutual friend of Dewease and young Bean, and the sum of $500 was subsequently paid by Frank D. Bean, a brother of the boy appointed. Dewease received this money, but subsequently, and after this investigation was commenced, he returned the money to young Bean.

The statement of Dewease himself to the committee was read. He admits having appointed young Bean, but says if guilty of a wrong or a crime he was innocently guilty, and supposed he was only doing what others had done before him. He made the appointment at the suggestion of Capt. Coombs, who was his friend, and had done him many favors in times past. He says he was offered $1,000 for the appointment, but declined it, and returned the $500 which was handed him by young Bean.

The question was then taken, and the resolution reported by the committee in Mr. Dewease's case was adopted unanimously.

Mr. Logan said he now desired to get the opinion of the House in relation to a farther investigation. Under the resolution the committee was directed to investigate all sales of cadetships, and this would carry the investigation back to 1862. The committee have evidence against members of former Congresses, and would be ready to report, but they thought it desirable to get the opinion of the House upon the subject. If directed they were prepared to report at any time, but if all old cases were to be brought up a new appropriation would be required.

After some discussion on the subject, a resolution, which seemed to be acceptable, was offered, directing that the investigation should be confined to members of the Forty-first Congress and executive and judicial officers of the United States. To this a proviso was offered that the investigation of all cases of former members that had been commenced should be continued until completed. The proviso was rejected, and the resolution confining the investigation to this House was adopted.

Mr. Garfield, from the Committee on Banking and Currency, submitted a report in relation to the September gold panic.

Mr. Cox presented the report of the minority.

Mr. Ailison, of Iowa, demanded the reading of the report, but as there was much opposition he withdrew the demand.

The reports were then ordered to be printed, and the House at 3:45 adjourned.

AN EXCHANGE states that the first daily newspaper printed in Virginia was in 1780, and the subscription price was $50 per annum. The first religious newspaper issued was the *Herald of Gospel Liberty*, which was published by Mr. Elias Smith at Portsmouth, N. H., in 1808.

According to the Philadelphia *Proof Sheet* there are now published in the United States 542 daily, 4,425 weekly, and 227 monthly journals. New York publishes 675, Pennsylvania 496, Illinois 418, Ohio 337, Indiana 260, Missouri 240, Iowa 226, and Massachusetts only 219. Great Britain has but 89 dailies, of which one fourth are issued in London.

A CURIOUS TEMPERANCE FARTY met in Preston, England, lately. They were life teetotallers or abstainers for twenty or more years. There were 180 persons present, of whom 75 were life teetotallers, and 105 total abstainers. Among those present were Mr. Thomas Yates, life teetotaller, aged fifty-eight and a half years, and Dr. Bowen, life abstainer, aged thirty-five. The Tonbein family, who were all present except the oldest and the youngest, comprised twenty individuals, whose aggregate teetotal age amounted to between 400 and 500 years.

A ROMAN CATHOLIC educational institution, called the National Institute of America, has recently been formed in Philadelphia, the object of which is "the cultivation of every species of learning, as well as every social, political and financial interest which can be rendered subservient to the cause of the Church in America."

THE White Mountain Medical Society of New Hampshire has adopted a by-law that any member who advertises himself by "reporting his operations in newspapers," shall first be reprimanded, and for the second offence expelled.

THE COURTS.

IN CHAMBERS — *Before Judge Carter.* — Richard Hall alias John W. Spencer, arrested and held on the charge of stealing a horse from Thomas R. Berry, in Charles county, Md., on the 19th of February last, was ordered to be delivered, on the requisition of the Governor of Maryland, to the sheriff of Charles county, and was so delivered.

ORPHANS' COURT — *Judge Purcell.*—This court was occupied as follows yesterday:

Anthony Bowen qualified as administrator of Townly Johnson, giving bond in $3,000, with Samson Nutter and Enoch Ambush as sureties.

William H. Clagett qualified as administrator of Charles W. Boteler, giving bond in $3,000, with J. W. Boteler and C. Boteler as sureties.

GUARDIANS.

L. S. Blagden gave bond in $6,000 as guardian of Thomas Blagden, with Elizabeth Billman and S. Blagden as sureties.

A number of small accounts were filed and approved.

Adjourned.

CIRCUIT COURT—*Chief Justice Carter.*—This court was engaged as follows yesterday:

Sherry vs. Brady. This is an action to recover value of work and materials used in repairs, &c., to house. This case was begun on Monday, and reported in the proceedings of that day.

The argument was continued yesterday by Mr. Bradley, and concluded by Mr. Norris. The jury found a verdict for the plaintiff for $900.

Downing vs. Corporation of Washington —second suit—continued.

Green vs. Mayor of Washington. Ordered to be placed on calendar.

Fague vs. Kimball. This is the second trial of an action of replevin. The defendant (county constable) made a distraint for rent alleged to be due the plaintiff, who denies that any rent is due, received the goods, and hence this case is to decide if any rent was due. The jury found for the plaintiff, thus deciding that no rent was due. McCutchen for plaintiff; Riddle and F. Miller for defendant.

Simmons vs. Corporation of Washington. The jury were sworn in this case, but before opening the case the court adjourned until this morning.

CASES TO-DAY.

The following cases were assigned for trial to-day: Nos. 251, 324, 7, 277, 70, 215, 115, 96, 118, 275, 40, 128, 250, 231, 67, 172, 276, 183, 200, 95, 414, 185, 91, 41, 89, 111, 148, 280, 458, 394, 261, 260, 280, 297, 258, 211, 12, 229 and 353.

Adjourned.

EQUITY COURT.—*Judge Wylie.*—This court began its March term yesterday, and made the following orders:

Alexandria and Washington Railroad Company vs. Alexandria, Washington, and Georgetown Railroad Company. Order that a rule be issued on Messrs. Bantly and F. P. Stanton to show authority for filing bill, and also to show cause why a motion for dismissal of the bill filed by them should not be granted. The Court also made an order setting the petition of Martin et al. in this case for hearing March 8.

Utermehle vs. Munder. Order appointing Wm. F. Mattingly trustee to sell.

Pitch vs. Estes et al. Order overruling motion to show cause, with leave to amend bill.

State of Texas vs. White et al. Order on motion to dismiss bill and reasons, and certifying the cause to the general term.

Fant vs. Dusslef. Order taking bill for confessed for want of answer, and for rule to show cause why the case should not be referred to the auditor.

Frolich vs. Wright. Order to renew rule heretofore issued in this cause.

Brown vs. Tate et al. Order setting motion for injunction for hearing March 7.

Ambler vs. Rittenhouse. Order continuing motion for production of papers to Tuesday, March 8.

Willard vs. Taylor. Decree confirming Master's report and for final adjudication of the rights of parties.

Lindsay vs. Barney et al. This is one of the addenda to the old "Barney case." Order allowing certain property to be sold.

Ambler vs. Whipple et al. This is the patent "petroleum gas generator case," heretofore reported. Order granting complainant further time to set down demurrer for a hearing.

In re W. N. Brown's bankruptcy. Order on marshal to show cause, &c.

Adjourned.

DISTRICT COURT—*Judge Wylie.*—This court yesterday gave a decision in the following prize cases:

In the matter of the bounty claims of D. G. Farragut and the officers and men of the Western gulf squadron—No. 192:

This proceeding was instituted on the 31st of December, 1867, by what is called "The libel of information of David G. Farragut, admiral in the navy of the United States, who prosecutes herein in behalf of and in the interest of himself and the officers and men of the Western gulf squadron of the United States navy, as constituted from the 20th day of April to the 1st day of May, in the year of our Lord 1862," &c.

The claim is for the recovery of bounty claimed at the rate of $200 a head for each person on board the rebel vessels of war which were sunk or otherwise destroyed by said squadron early in the morning of the 24th of April, 1862, in the Mississippi river, about twenty miles below New Orleans, in an engagement whose history is so well known to the country—and is based upon the eleventh section of the act of Congress of June 30, 1864, which is in the following words:

"*And be it further enacted*, That a bounty shall be paid by the United States for each person on board any ship or vessel of war belonging to an enemy, at the commencement of an engagement which shall be sunk or otherwise destroyed by any ship or vessel belonging to the United States, or which it may be necessary to destroy in consequence of injuries sustained in action, or of the inferior force, and of two hundred dollars if of equal or superior force, to be divided among the officers and crew in the same manner as prize money, and when the vessel (of an enemy) so sunk or destroyed cannot be satisfactorily ascertained, it shall be estimated according to the complement allowed to vessels of its class in the navy of the United States; and there shall be paid a bounty to the captors of any vessel of war captured from an enemy, which they may be instructed to destroy, or which shall be immediately destroyed for the public interest but not in consequence of injuries received in action, fifty dollars for every person who shall be on board at the time of such capture. All ransom money, salvage, bounty or proceeds of condemned property accruing or awarded to the officers of the navy, shall be distributed and paid to the officers and men entitled thereto, in the same manner as prize money, under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy."

The only act which defines what prize shall be, so far as captors are concerned, is the act of 20th April, 1818, section 5th of which act provides that "the proceeds of all ships and vessels, and the goods taken on board of them, which shall be adjudged good prize shall, when of equal or superior force to the vessel or vessels making the capture, be the sole property of the captors; and when of inferior force shall be divided equally between the United States and the officers and men making the capture. Until after sentence of condemnation has been passed by a judicial tribunal having jurisdiction, neither the Government nor the captors have title to the proceeds of the captured property."

It is different under our law as to the bounty money. It cannot be doubted, I think, that our acts of Congress, especially the act of 1864, under which the present proceeding has been instituted, have conferred full authority on the Secretary of the Navy to distribute the bounty of the Government without an adjudication of court. It belongs to the Government to give or to withhold; and if it give, to say by what agency and means the money should be distributed. It has given that power to the Secretary of the Navy, and it has not given it to the courts. It is quite true that in several instances during the recent rebellion this court did assume jurisdiction over questions of this character, but it was always upon the written request of the Secretary of the Navy, unless, perhaps, to some extent by the example of the prize courts in England, without having made a sufficiently careful inquiry in regard to the manner by which those courts acquired their authority.

The consent of the Secretary could not confer a jurisdiction not granted to the court by the law, and as the law declares that the bounty money shall be distributed by the Secretary of the Navy as "prize money is distributed amongst the officers and crews, the Secretary would be at perfect liberty to disregard any decision the court might make, if such decision were not agreeable to his own opinion.

But the libel and the motion for the libellant in the present case, relied in his argument very much on the provisions contained in the twenty-eighth section of the act of 1864, and for that reason I propose to transcribe it fully into this opinion. It is as follows:

"SEC. 28. *And be it further enacted*, That in case of any capture heretofore made, if by reason of its condition, or because the whole has not been appropriated to the use of the United States, no part of the captured property has been, or can be sent in for adjudication, or if the captured property be entirely lost or destroyed, proceedings for adjudication may be commenced in any district which the Secretary of the Navy may designate, and, in any such case, the proceeds of anything sold, or the value of anything taken or appropriated for the use of the Government, shall be transmitted by the Assistant Treasurer in or nearest to that district, subject to the order of the court in the cause. If, when no property can be sent in for adjudication, the Secretary of the Navy shall not, within the three months after any capture, designate a district for the institution of proceedings, the captors may institute proceedings for adjudication to any district. And if in any case of capture no proceedings for adjudication shall be commenced within a reasonable time, any parties claiming the captured property may, in any district court, as a court of prize, move for a monition to show cause why such property should not be condemned, or institute an original suit in such court for restitution, and the monition issued in either case shall be served on the attorney for the United States for the district, and on the Secretary of the Navy, as well as on such other persons as the court shall order to be notified."

This section of the act appears to have no application to any claim for bounty money, but only to the case of vessels which have been captured first and afterwards destroyed or lost or appropriated to the use of the United States, or in consequence of their condition not fit to be sent in; and directs how, and when, and where in such cases proceedings may be instituted for condemnation as prize.

The libel in the present case does not aver that any vessel of the enemy was captured by the squadron, nor that any was taken as prize, nor does it contain a prayer for condemnation of any as prize, or for prize money. Its whole scheme and structure, from first to last, are those appropriate only to a claim for bounty money under the aforesaid section.

Whether a libel alleging that the destroyed vessels had been captured and were lawful prize could be maintained by the facts in this case, is perhaps more than doubtful. Bounty head money, it would seem, is all that would be recovered in any case where the vessel of the enemy had not been captured, but simply destroyed.

It appears to be quite evident that this section has no reference to proceedings to be instituted for that object.

For these reasons, and for these only, am I of opinion that the libel of information should be dismissed.

In the case of David G. Farragut, for himself and others vs. the ship Metropolis et al., Judge Wylie delivered the following opinion:

This is a libel of information filed by Admiral Farragut on behalf of himself and the officers and men of the Western Gulf Squadron against a large number of armed vessels of war belonging to the late Confederate Government, as well as a large number of steamboats and other vessels not of war, and other property of large value belonging to citizens of said so-called Confederate States, all captured at and below the city of New Orleans, and on the river Mississippi, between the 25th of April and the 1st day of May, 1862, during the late rebellion, praying that said vessels and other property may be condemned as prizes of war, and their proceeds may be distributed according to the law of prize.

The most of this property was appropriated after the capture to the use of the United States, some of it lost through accident, and some of it destroyed, so that no part has been brought in to the jurisdiction.

The libel of information in this case has not been filed either by the District Attorney or on behalf of the Government, but solely on behalf of the captors, and by their own private counsel. The proceeding was instituted on the 28th of April, 1865, and monition issued and served on the Secretary of the Navy and on the District Attorney.

On the 26th of November, the District Attorney presented a petition to the court praying that an order might be made to admit the United States as a defendant in the cause, with leave to plead, and this petition was granted. On the same day the District Attorney, on behalf of the United States to the libel of information in the usual form of a general demurrer to a declaration in action at common law. And it is in this shape the matter has been argued.

These steps, in pleading, seem to the court to have been inappropriate, to say the least of them. The demurrer ought not to have been received. Then it was improper to admit the United States to be a defendant to the libel, for the District Attorney possessed no authority to make such a motion on its behalf, or the court to grant. And, lastly, a formal demurrer to a libel of information is a form of pleading unknown to courts of prize.

We have then a case in which a libel of information has been filed by private counsel for the captors, against certain vessels of war belonging to a public enemy, captured on the high seas in contemplation of law, (as these libellants claim,) and which, it is alleged, are within the limits of maritime and admiralty jurisdiction, in which there is a prayer that the property captured may be condemned as prize of war, and yet there is not appearance of the Government, nor of the captors, nor mention of the Government's rights in the libel.

On the other side the United States appears by its representative in this court, and is made a defendant, and puts in a general demurrer to the libel, without asserting any claim to the property in itself.

I find it impossible to extricate the case from these embarrassments, except by returning upon our steps, setting aside the sentence of condemnation, striking out the appearance of the United States as defendant, as well as the demurrer which it has filed, and giving leave to the captors to amend their libel of information, so that the rights and claims of the parties may be recovered in any case where the vessel of the enemy had not been captured, but simply destroyed.

It appears to be quite evident that this section has no reference to proceedings to be instituted for that object.

For these reasons, and for these only, am I of opinion that the libel of information should be dismissed.

Adjourned.

SUPREME COURT OF THE UNITED STATES—*Tuesday, March 1, 1870.*—No. 79. Richard W. Meade, appellant, vs. The United States. The argument of this cause was continued by Mr. Attorney General Hoar, of counsel for the appellee, and concluded by Mr. Cushing, for the appellant.

No. 101. John B. Frisbie, appellant, vs. Levy H. Whitney. The argument of this cause was commenced by Mr. Dick, of counsel for the appellant.

Adjourned until to-morrow at 11 o'clock.

THE NEW ORLEANS *Picayune* says: "How the whirligig of time brings around his revenges. For more than forty years the people of New Orleans have been importing their supplies of ice from the North. New Orleans now manufactures its own ice by steam, and recently the Louisiana Ice Company received an order from Philadelphia for fifty tons of ice. We shall be supplying Boston next."

A NEWLY MARRIED LADY in Chicago complained to her ma that on her reception day her card-basket was overrun with circulars from lawyers announcing terms for divorce. "So absurd, you know, ma, before our honeymoon is over." True, dear," replied ma, (who had been twice divorced,) "but I'll put them in a safe place; you may find them very useful in a year or two."

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The Marquess, (1 Ch. Robinson, R. 61,) Sir William Scott said: "That although the king was undoubtedly the fountain of prize, he has conveyed his interest in it to various persons; to the commanders and crews of his own ships; to his other subjects by letters of marque; and to the Lord High Admiral of England. It has been declared by high authority that the interest of prize is vested in the captors, and that the captors may, against the wishes of the crown, proceed to adjudication."

It is quite true that this same judge subsequently, in the case of the Eliseba, (4 Rob., 138,) decided that "neither the order in council, the proclamation, nor the prize act give any property to the captors till adjudication." But I do not regard this last opinion as denying the right of the captors to use the name of the crown, if the case should occur, that the attorney or proctor for the captors should himself persist in declining to initiate the proper proceedings for condemnation.

The whole legislation of this Government on this subject has placed the control of prize proceedings, so far as the interests of the navy may be concerned, in the Secretary of the Navy. He is made by law the organ of the Government to this respect, and authorized to give its instructions to the attorney for the Government. He is made his duty not only to see that no wrong shall be done to the rights of captors, but is even authorized to employ special counsel "for the due protection of the interests of the navy, and of the navy pension fund; and under the direction of the Secretary of the Navy such counsel may institute and prosecute such proceedings in the case as may be necessary and proper for the protection of such interests." (Prize act of June 30, 1864, section 32.)

The same act further provides in section 28: "If when no property can be sent in for adjudication, the Secretary of the Navy shall not, within three months after any capture, designate a district for the institution of proceedings, the captors may institute proceedings for adjudication in any district."

Both these sections of this act are declared expressly to apply both to captures heretofore made, or that shall hereafter be made.

I am of opinion, therefore, that in the present case the captors are authorized by law to employ their own counsel, and to use the name of the United States in their proceeding, should that be deemed necessary for the protection of their interests, especially if authorized so to do by the Secretary of the Navy.

The embarrassment in the present case is understood to grow out of the fact that the proceeds of the property claimed for prizes have gone into the Treasury of the United States, and that the Secretary does not regard these captures as the subject of prize of war, but as belonging wholly to the Government, under the laws relating to captured and abandoned property in the rebel States, and that he has enlisted the district attorney on his side of the question.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1870.—Jay Cooke & Co. furnish the following quotations of Government securities:

	Buying.	Selling.
U. S. 6s, 1881	110¾	110¾
Five-Twenties, 1862	110¾	110¾
Five-Twenties, 1864	110¾	110¾
Five-Twenties, 1865	110¾	110¾
Five-Twenties, Jan & July, '65	111¼	111¼
Five-Twenties, Jan & July, '67	111¼	111¼
Five-Twenties, Jan & July, '68	111¼	111¼
Ten-Forties	108½	109
U. S. 6s, 1881	110¾	5-20's, Jan & July, '67 112¼
5-20's, 1862	110¾	5-20's, Jan & July, '68 112¼
5-20's, 1864	110¾	Ten-Forties 108½
5-20's, 1865	110¾	Gold 110¾
5-20's, Jan & July	111¼	

NEW YORK MARKET.

NEW YORK, March 1—1:15 p. m.—Cotton inactive and drooping; prices nominally unchanged; middling 20¾ cents. Sugar quiet and steady. Flour dull and unchanged. Wheat quiet and steady. Southern amber, $1.35. Corn quiet and weak; $1.01@1.04. Oats quiet and steady; 55@56 cents. Rye dull and nominal. Pork quiet and weak; $25.50. Gold 110¾.

BALTIMORE MARKET.

BALTIMORE, March 1.—*Breadstuffs.*—We continue to report the Flour market quiet. There is no export demand at present, the delivers in gold having occasioned the withdrawal of such orders as were here, but there is a fair local trade demand, and we have reported to-day sales of some 1,000 barrels Howard Street at $5.12½@5.25 for Super, $5.25@5.50 for Extra, and $6.75 for Family. No sales however of Western or City Mills.

Wheat.—Prime lots are firm and a fraction higher, but low grades are dull and unchanged. We report to-day sales of 1,000 bushels prime Virginia red at $1.35, 500 to 600 do. Maryland do. at $1.32@1.35, 1,000 do. prime to choice Pennsylvania do. at $1.32@1.35, and 300 to 400 do. prime white at $1.36@1.40.

Corn.—Was active and firm this morning. The receipts were about 13,000 bushels, and we note sales as follows, viz, 6,000 bushels yellow at 90 cents, 3,000 white at 94@96 cents, and 3,500 blue-eyed white at 91 cents.

Rye.—No receipts or sales to-day.

Oats.—Steady but dull. Sales 1,500 bushels at 52@53 cents.

Coffee.—The market to-day is firm with a good inquiry, but to-day we have heard of no sales. We quote Rio in bond at 21½@21¾ cents, gold, for good to prime, and duty paid at 24@24¼ cents for good to prime, and 18@19 cents, gold, for choice to fancy lots. Stock here to-day 27,000 bags Rio.

Cotton.—Market continues dull and heavy. We hear of no sales, and we quote Upland nominal as follows, viz: 20 cents for ordinary, 21 cents for good ordinary, 22@22¼ cents for low middling, and 23@23½ cents for middling.

Molasses.—We hear of no sales since the lot of 150 puncheons Demerara on Saturday, but we quote as follows, viz: Cuba clayed at 40@42 cents, do. Muscovado at 45@47 cents, English Island at 30@35 cents, and Porto Rico at 50@60 cents per gallon.

Mill Feed.—We quote Brownstuff as scarce and in light demand; 23 cents per bushel. Middlings still sell at 20@23 cents for light, and 40@45 cents per bushel for heavy.

Provisions.—The market is dull, and prices have rather a declining tendency, though there is no change in rates. Bacon is selling as follows, viz: at 13½ cents for Shoulders, 15½ cents for rib sides, and 16½ cents for clear rib do., though some parties ask ¼ higher. There is little Bulk Meat offering, but the demand for it is also very light. We hear of no sales, but we quote nominally Shoulders at 11 cents, and sides at 13½ cents for rib, and 14½ cents for clear rib. Lard 16@16½ cents, and Mess Pork nominal at $27 per barrel.

Rice.—We hear of no further sales of late, but we quote Carolina steady at 6¼@7 cents for good to choice.

Salt.—Liverpool is in fair supply and moderate demand, as follows: 50 @55@60 per Ground Alum, and $2.30@2.70 per sack for Fine. Turks Island we quote dull and nominal at 48@50 cents per bushel for lots from store.

Sugars.—Are dull and weak under the continued decline in gold, but no change cannot be said to be lower. We report sales of 163 hhds. common Demerara for refining at 9¼ cents, and of 20 hhds. Demerara vacuum pan at 12¼ cents, but we quote as before viz: For fair to good refining 10@10½ cents; grocery Cuba 10¾@11¼ cents; Cuba Centrifugals 9¾@12¾ cts.; do. Porto Rico 10¾@11¾ cents, and Demerara vacuum pan 11¾@12¾ cents.

Refined.—Prices are unchanged to-day again as follows: Hard Crushed at 14½ cents, and Soft do. at 13¾ cents for A white; 13¾ cents for circle A; 13¼ cents for B; 12½ cents for Extra C, and 12¾ cents for Yellow C.

Syrups.—We quote as follows, viz: Calvert at 75@85 cts.; Baltimore Golden at 80@85 cts.; Maryland do. 60@62 cts.; Monumental 55@57 cts., and Molasses Syrups at 50@60 cents per gallon.

Seeds.—Clover is more active and firm. We note sales to-day of 300 bushels fair at $6, 50 bushels good at $6.12½, and 75 bushels very choice at $6.37½ per bushel. Timothy and Flax quiet but steady.

Whisky.—High wines we quote firm at $1.01 per gallon, but the market is quiet, no sales being made to-day.

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PROPOSALS FOR BEEF.

POST COMMISSARY,
NASHVILLE, TENN., Feb. 17, 1870.

Sealed proposals will be received at this office until the 15th day of March, 1870, for supplying Fresh and Corned Beef, Hominy, Beans, Vegetables, and all others supplied by the Government at Nashville and vicinity, and drawing supplies therefrom, for six months, commencing on the 1st day of April, 1870.

The Beef must be of good marketable quality, in equal proportions of fore and hind quarters, sweet, choice and kidney tallow to be excluded, and to be furnished at such times and places and in such quantities as the commanding officer shall designate.

Two sureties will be required, in the sum of $10,000, for the faithful performance of the contract when awarded.

The proposal must be made in duplicate, and will be opened at the Post Commissary at 10 o'clock, a. m., March 17, 1870, and the contract awarded if a satisfactory bid shall have been received, the undersigned reserving the right to reject any and all bids if unsatisfactory.

GEO. W. SYNELD,
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PROPOSALS FOR FRESH AND CORNED BEEF.

HEADQ'RS DEPARTMENT OF THE CUMBERLAND,
OFFICER CHIEF C. S.,
LOUISVILLE, KY., February 24, 1870.

Sealed proposals (which must be in duplicate, with a copy of this advertisement attached to each) will be received until 12 o'clock, m., WEDNESDAY, March 16, 1870, for supplying FRESH AND CORNED BEEF, in equal