BETTER WEATHER FOR CROPS.

Conditions More Favorable, Though Complaints Come From Some Districts.

WASHINGTON, May 2.—The weekly weather crop report of the Agricultural Department issued to-day contains the following general summary:

While the temperature conditions of the week ended May 1 were much more favorable than in the previous week, complaints of slow germination and growth are very general in the Missouri and Red River of the North valleys, Middle Rocky Mountain Slope, Lake region and New England.

In the Middle and South Atlantic and Gulf States and in the Ohio Valley very favorable temperatures prevailed, but the Central and West Gulf States and portions of the South Atlantic States and Ohio and Central Mississippi valleys suffered from excessive rains, which hindered farming operations materially. New England, North Dakota, Montana and Florida continue to need rain. On the Pacific Coast the week was too cool for favorable growth.

In most of the principal corn States corn planting has made slow progress, but extensive preparations for this work have been made, and with favorable weather much will be planted during the first week in May. Planting is generally finished in the Southern States and is nearly completed in the southern portions of Kansas and Missouri. In the southern portion of the Middle Atlantic States planting has been actively carried on and has begun as far north as Pennsylvania.

Practically all reports indicate that winter wheat continues in unusually promising condition, the temperature of the last week having been more favorable for the advance of this crop. Dry weather has been unfavorable for the germination and growth of spring wheat in the Dakotas. The early sown in South Dakota, however, and in Minnesota is doing well. The outlook for spring wheat in Iowa, Oregon and Washington is very promising.

Over the eastern portion of the cotton belt the weather conditions have been favorable for cotton planting, which is nearing completion in the more southerly districts, good stands being generally indicated. In the central and western districts planting is much delayed, less than half of the area having been planted in Louisiana and in Oklahoma and Indian Territories, only about one-half in northern Mississippi and very little in Arkansas, practically none being up in the last mentioned State. In northern, central and eastern counties of Texas much of the cotton area remains unplanted, and much cotton land in both Texas and Louisiana has been badly washed out by rains, and extensive replanting will be necessary. Over the southwestern part of the cotton area in Texas cotton is generally doing well, and chopping and cultivation are in progress.

MORE NORTHWEST STOCK.

$10,000,000 to Be Issued for Extensions and Improvements.

A new issue of common stock of the Chicago and Northwestern Railway, amounting to 15 per cent. of the present outstanding stock of all kinds, was authorized by the board of directors at a meeting yesterday. Since the present stock issue is $73,073,000, the amount of new stock will approximate $10,960,000.

In the resolution adopted by the directors the object of the new issue is declared to be for the purpose of "extending the present property, improvements and equipments and other lawful purposes." At the offices of the company it was stated emphatically that the new issue bears no relation to the railroad situation in the Northwest other than as stated. The small amount of the issue appeared to the Street sufficient confirmation of the company's statement.

FINANCIAL NOTES.

The United Shoe Machine Company was incorporated under the laws of New Jersey yesterday. The capital stock is $50,000,000, divided into 2,000,000 shares of $25 each. The incorporators are John Reynolds, William Berdan and Frank Gledhill. It is understood that the incorporation of the company is a step in connection with a plan for the distribution of the surplus of the United Shoe Machinery Company to its common stock holders.

R. H. Higgins of Harvey Fisk & Sons and E. W. Bloomingdale have been elected directors of the Phenix National Bank.

ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS.

THE DELAWARE & HUDSON COMPANY.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a special meeting of the stockholders of The Delaware and Hudson Company, called by order of the Board of Managers, will be held at the office of the Company, No. 21 Cortlandt Street, in the Borough of Manhattan and City of New York, on Tuesday, May ninth (9th), 1905, at 11:45 A. M., for the purpose of considering and acting upon the question of increasing the capital stock of the Company in the amount of fifty thousand (50,000) shares of the par value of $100 each, and also for the purpose of approving the making of a modified lease by the Company of the Railroad, property and franchises of the Catskill and Lake Placid Railway Company.
Notice is also given that the annual meeting of the Stockholders of The Delaware and Hudson Company will be held at the same place at twelve o'clock noon on the same day for the election of managers and for other business.
The polls will open at twelve o'clock noon and remain open for at least one hour.
The transfer books will be closed from the close of business Saturday, April 29th, until the morning of Wednesday, May 10th.
By order of the Board of Managers.
DAVID WILLCOX, President.
F. M. OLYPHANT, Secretary.
New York, April 8, 1905.

INTERNATIONAL NICKEL COMPANY.
NOTICE OF THIRD ANNUAL MEETING.
Notice hereby is given that the Third Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the International Nickel Company will be held at the principal office of the Company, at Constable Hook, Bayonne, New Jersey, on Tuesday, the 23d day of May, 1905, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, to consider and vote upon the approval of the report of the President and for the transaction of any and all business that may come before the meeting, including considering and voting upon the approval and ratification of all contracts, acts and proceedings of the Board of Directors or the Executive Committee since the second annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Company on May 24th, 1904, as set forth in the minutes of the Board of Directors, which until the meeting will be open to examination by Stockholders of record during business hours, at the New York City office of the Company, 43 Exchange Place, and also for the election of four Directors to hold office for three years.
The stock transfer books will be closed at the close of business on the 1st day of May, 1905, and will be reopened at 10 o'clock in the morning of Wednesday, May 24th, 1905.
By order of the Board of Directors.
S. H. P. PELL, Secretary.
Bayonne, New Jersey, April 4th, 1905.

To the Stockholders of
THE TRUST COMPANY OF AMERICA.
NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of The Trust Company of America will be held at the office of the company, No. 135 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 3, 1905, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of voting upon an agreement for the merger of The Trust Company of America and the City Trust Company of New York into the North American Trust Company, entered into and made by the respective Boards of directors of the said companies under their respective corporate seals, dated April 18, 1905, and upon any matter or thing concerning the same and the mode of carrying the same into effect.
Dated New York, April 18, 1905.
WILLIAM H. LEUPP, President.
RAYMOND J. CHATRY, Secretary.

To the Stockholders of
THE TRUST COMPANY OF AMERICA.
NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of The Trust Company of America will be held at the office of the company, No. 148 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 3, 1905, at 3:15 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to reduce the capital stock of The Trust Company of America from one million dollars ($1,000,000), consisting of Ten thousand (10,000) shares of the par value of One hundred dollars ($100) each, to Seven hundred dollars ($700,000), to consist of Seventy-five hundred (7,500) shares of the par value of One hundred dollars ($100) each, and that the whole amount of said reduction remain in the corporation as surplus.
Dated New York, April 18, 1905.
WILLIAM H. LEUPP, President.
RAYMOND J. CHATRY, Secretary.

Old Point Comfort Improvement Company
66 BROADWAY.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of the OLD POINT COMFORT IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, for the election of directors, inspectors of election, and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held at the office of the Company, 66 Broadway, New York City, on Tuesday, May 9th, 1905, at 1 P. M. The polls will be open from 12 o'clock noon to 1 P. M.
H. M. DE LANOIE, Secretary.

OFFICE OF
AMALGAMATED COPPER CO.,
42 Broadway, New York, May 3d, 1905.
Notice is hereby given that the stock certificate transfer books of the Company will be closed on Monday, May 15th, 1905, at 3 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of the annual meeting of the Company, to be held June 5th, 1905, and that such books will be reopened on Tuesday, June 6th, 1905, at 10 o'clock A. M.
A. H. MELIN, Secretary.

Office of
THE MANHATTAN LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY,
64, 66, 68 & 70 Broadway, New York, N. Y.
ELECTION.
The Annual Election of twelve (12) Directors of this Company, and of three (3) Inspectors of the next election, will be held at this office on Tuesday, May 9th, 1905. The polls will be open from 11 A. M. to 12 M.
J. H. GIFFIN, Secretary.

ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS.

To the Stockholders of the
CITY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK:
Notice is hereby given of a special meeting of the stockholders of the City Trust Company of New York, to be held at the office of the company, No. 26 Wall Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 3d, 1905, at three o'clock P. M., for the purpose of voting upon an agreement for the merger of the Trust Company of America and the City Trust Company of New York into the North American Trust Company, entered into and made by the respective Boards of Directors of the said companies, under their respective corporate seals, dated April 18, 1905, and upon any matter or thing concerning the same and the mode of carrying the same into effect. The stock transfer books will close Saturday, April 22d, 1905, at 12 o'clock noon, and reopen May 4th, 1905.
Dated April 18, 1905.
CITY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK.
JAS. ROSS CURRAN, President.
ARTHUR TERRY, Secretary.

To the Stockholders of the
CITY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK:
Notice is hereby given that a special meeting of the stockholders of the City Trust Company of New York, will be held at the office of the company, No. 26 Wall Street, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 3, 1905, at 3:15 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of reducing the capital stock of the City Trust Company of New York from Two Million Dollars, consisting of Ten Thousand shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars each, to Five Hundred Thousand Dollars, to consist of Five Thousand shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars each, and that the whole amount of such reduction remain in the corporation as surplus.
Dated New York, April 18, 1905.
CITY TRUST COMPANY OF NEW YORK.
JAS. ROSS CURRAN, President.
ARTHUR TERRY, Secretary.

To the Stockholders of the
NORTH AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY.
NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the North American Trust Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 135 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 3rd, 1905, at three o'clock P. M., for the purpose of voting upon an Agreement for the merger of the Trust Company of America and the City Trust Company of New York into the North American Trust Company, entered into and made by the respective Boards of Directors of the said Companies under their respective corporate seals dated April 18th, 1905, and upon any other matter of thing concerning said Agreement or the mode of carrying the same into effect. The transfer books will close at 12 o'clock, noon, April 22nd, 1905, and reopen 10 A. M., May 4th, 1905.
Dated New York, April 18th, 1905.
NORTH AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY.
OAKLEIGH THORNE, President.
FRANK L. HILTON, Secretary.

To the Stockholders of the
NORTH AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY.
NOTICE is hereby given that a Special Meeting of the Stockholders of the North American Trust Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 135 Broadway, Borough of Manhattan, New York, N. Y., on Wednesday, May 3d, 1905, at 3:15 o'clock P. M., for the purpose of voting upon a proposition to reduce the capital stock of the North American Trust Company from Two Million ($2,000,000) Dollars, consisting of Twenty Thousand (20,000) Shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars each, to Seven Hundred and Fifty Thousand ($750,000) Dollars, to consist of Seven Thousand Five Hundred (7,500) Shares of the par value of One Hundred Dollars each, and to distribute a portion of the present capital among the Stockholders.
The Transfer Books will close at 12 o'clock noon April 22d, 1905, and reopen 10 A. M., May 4th, 1905.
Dated New York, April 18th, 1905.
NORTH AMERICAN TRUST COMPANY.
OAKLEIGH THORNE, President.
FRANK L. HILTON, Secretary.

THE ELMIRA AND LAKE ONTARIO RAILROAD COMPANY.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this company will be held at its office, No. 88 Cedar Street, New York City, on Thursday, May 4th, 1905, at 12 o'clock M., at which an election will be held for nine Directors and three Inspectors of Election.
STEPHEN W. WHITE, Secretary.

Office of Pacific Fire Insurance Company,
No. 76 William Street, New York, May 1, 1905.
The annual election for Directors of the Pacific Fire Insurance Company will be held at the office of the Company, No. 76 William Street, on Monday, the fifteenth day of May, 1905, between the hours of 12 and 1 o'clock.
C. V. MESEROLE, Secretary.

DIVIDENDS AND INTEREST.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of the American Cotton Oil Company has this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of THREE PER CENT. upon the Preferred Stock of the Company, payable June 1, 1905, at the Banking House of Winslow, Lanier & Company, 59 Cedar Street, New York City.
The Preferred Stock Transfer Books of the Company will be closed on May 16, 1905, at 3 P. M., and will remain closed until June 2, 1905, at 10 A. M.
JUSTUS E. RALPH, Secretary.
Dated May 2, 1905.

United States Steel Corporation.
Quarterly dividend No. 16 of 1¾% on the Preferred stock, payable May 31, 1905, was declared April 25, to stockholders of record May 8. Transfer books close at 3 P. M. May 8, and reopen at 10 A. M. June 1.
RICHARD TRIMBLE, Secretary.

PROPOSALS.

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONERS, D. C., Washington, D. C., April 26, 1905. Sealed proposals will be received until 12 o'clock M., May 31, 1905, for constructing and installing heating, lighting, power plant and water supply for Industrial Home School at Blue Plains, D. C., near Shepherd's Landing, on grounds of new Municipal Almshouse; also sewerage system to connect with or from extension of sewerage of the Almshouse. Proposals must be accompanied by complete working drawings and specifications; also certified check or receipt of the Collector of Taxes, D. C., for $1,000.00 to guarantee execution of contract. Award will be on the basis of the best system as indicated by plans and specifications, and the lowest responsible bid. Plans of buildings now under construction and proposed buildings may be seen at the office of the Inspector of Buildings. HENRY B. F. MACFARLAND, HENRY L. WEST, JOHN BIDDLE, Commissioners, D. C.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Washington, D. C., February, 14, 1905.—Proposals will be received at the Post Office Department, in the City of Washington, until 2 o'clock p. m. June 1st, 1905, for the conveyance of United States Mails pursuant to Act of March 3, 1891, on the Route hereinafter described. Bidders are invited to submit proposals for service on said Route under a contract for five years, and also for ten years, which shall commence July 1st, 1905: SCHEDULE: Route No. 76—O. M. S.—From San Francisco, Cal., to Tahiti, 10 trips a year, upon a schedule approved by the Postmaster General, in vessels of the third class; time 14 days. Bond required with bid, $20,000. The right is reserved to reject all bids. Circulars containing a copy of the Act, a description of the Route, instructions to bidders, and blank forms of proposals and bonds may be obtained of the Superintendent of Foreign Mails, Post Office Department, after March 1st, 1905. R. J. WYNNE, Postmaster General.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Fire Commissioner at Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh Street, Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, until 10:30 o'clock A. M., on
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1905.
Boroughs of Manhattan and The Bronx.
No. 1. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TWO HUNDRED HORSE BLANKETS.
Borough of Brooklyn and Queens.
No. 2. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING MISCELLANEOUS SUPPLIES FOR THE REPAIR SHOPS.
No. 3. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING SUPPLIES FOR THE FIRE ALARM TELEGRAPH SYSTEM, BOROUGH OF QUEENS.
For full particulars see City Record.
NICHOLAS J. HAYES, Fire Commissioner.
Dated April 28, 1905.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES will be received by the Park Board at the office of the Department of Parks, Arsenal Building, Fifth Avenue and Sixty-fourth street, Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, until 2 o'clock P. M., on
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1905.
Borough of Manhattan.
FOR PAINTING CERTAIN OF THE CAGES AND OF THE FENCES OR RAILINGS IN THE MENAGERIE GROUNDS IN CENTRAL PARK.
For full particulars see City Record.
JOHN J. PALLAS, President;
HENRY C. SCHRADER,
M. J. KENNEDY,
Commissioner of Parks.
Dated April 27, 1905.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at Arsenal Building, Fifth Avenue and Sixty-fourth Street, Borough of Manhattan, until 2 o'clock P. M., on
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1905.
Borough of The Bronx.
FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING TWENTY (20) TONS NO. 1 TIMOTHY HAY FOR PARKS, BOROUGH OF THE BRONX.
For full particulars see City Record.
JOHN J. PALLAS, President
HENRY C. SCHRADER,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.

POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT, Washington, D. C., April 12, 1905.—Sealed proposals will be received at the office of the Purchasing Agent of this Department until 2 o'clock P. M., May 24, 1905, for furnishing Letter Boxes, Letter Box Fasteners and Letter Box Posts for the Postal Service for the four years from July 1, 1905, to June 30, 1909. Blanks for proposals, with specifications and full instructions to bidders, will be furnished upon application to the Purchasing Agent for the Post Office Department, Washington, D. C. GEO. B. CORTELYOU, Postmaster General.

WEST POINT, N. Y., APRIL 6, 1905.—SEALED proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 o'clock noon, May 5, 1905, for furnishing about 3,000 tons of cast iron pipe and special castings, as per specifications on file in this office. U. S. reserves right to accept or reject any or all proposals or any part thereof. Forms and specifications furnished upon application. Address Quartermaster, U. S. M. A.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES.
SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES for building pier near the foot of Jones's Lane, East River (916), for stationery and office supplies (917) and for Portland cement (906) will be received by the Commissioner of Docks at Pier "A," Battery Place, until 2 o'clock P. M., May 15th, 1905. (For particulars see City Record.)

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, New London, Conn., May 1, 1905.—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, for dredging about 15,000 cubic yards at Milford harbor, Conn., will be received here until 12 o'clock noon, May 26, 1905, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application. C. F. POWELL, Lt.-Col., Engrs.

PROPOSALS.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the President of the Borough of Manhattan at the City Hall, Room No. 16, until 3 o'clock P. M. on
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1905.
No. 1. REGULATING AND PAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF THE TRIANGLE AT THE JUNCTION OF ST. NICHOLAS AVENUE, EIGHTH AVENUE AND ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY-SECOND STREET.
No. 2. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF TWENTY-SIXTH STREET, from Tenth avenue to Eleventh avenue.
No. 3. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET, from Sixth avenue to Seventh avenue.
No. 4. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF TWENTY-SEVENTH STREET, from Ninth avenue to Tenth avenue.
No. 5. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF THIRTY-FIRST STREET, from First avenue to Second avenue.
No. 6. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF SIXTY-SIXTH STREET, from Lexington avenue to Park avenue.
No. 7. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, from Avenue A to Third avenue.
No. 8. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF NINETY-NINTH STREET, from First avenue to Second avenue.
No. 9. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST STREET, from Amsterdam avenue to Broadway.
No. 10. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION, THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND STREET, from Amsterdam avenue to Broadway.
No. 11. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND TENTH STREET, from Third avenue to Lexington avenue.
No. 12. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH STREET, from First avenue to Second avenue.
No. 13. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION, THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTEENTH STREET, from St. Nicholas avenue to Seventh avenue.
No. 14. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION, THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SECOND STREET, from Fifth avenue to Lenox avenue.
No. 15. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION, THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH STREET, from Fifth avenue to Lenox avenue.
No. 16. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SIXTH STREET, from Eighth avenue to St. Nicholas avenue.
No. 17. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND THIRTY-SEVENTH STREET, from Eighth avenue to St. Nicholas avenue.
No. 18. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT PAVEMENT ON PRESENT PAVEMENT RELAID AS FOUNDATION, THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-EIGHTH STREET, from Amsterdam avenue to Broadway.
No. 19. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF STREETS AROUND THE REMSEN'S HOSPITAL, WHERE NOT ALREADY PAVED.
No. 20. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF THIRTY-SIXTH STREET, from Lexington avenue to Third avenue.
No. 21. REGULATING AND REPAVING WITH ASPHALT BLOCK PAVEMENT ON CONCRETE FOUNDATION THE ROADWAY OF ONE HUNDRED AND FORTY-SEVENTH STREET, from Convent avenue to Amsterdam avenue.
No. 22. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING, ETC., WEST ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY-SEVENTH STREET, from Edgecombe avenue to Amsterdam avenue.
No. 23. FOR REGULATING, GRADING, CURBING, FLAGGING, ETC., ONE HUNDRED AND FORTIETH STREET, from Edgecombe avenue to St. Nicholas avenue.
No. 24. FLAG AND REFLAG THE SIDEWALKS, TOGETHER WITH ALL WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO, ON THE NORTH SIDE OF DELANCEY STREET, between Clinton street and Bowery.
No. 25. FLAG AND REFLAG THE SIDEWALKS, TOGETHER WITH ALL WORK INCIDENTAL THERETO, ON BROADWAY, EAST AND WEST SIDES, from West One Hundred and Forty-third street to West One Hundred and Sixty-fifth street.
No. 26. FOR FURNISHING AND DELIVERING 1,500 CUBIC YARDS OF WASHED GRAVEL.
For full particulars see City Record.
JOHN F. AHEARN, Borough President.
THE CITY OF NEW YORK, April 29, 1905.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES will be received by the Park Board at the office of the Department of Parks, Arsenal Building, Fifth avenue and Sixty-fourth street, Borough of Manhattan, the City of New York, until 2 o'clock P. M., on
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1905.
Borough of Brooklyn.
No. 1. FOR FURNISHING, DELIVERING AND PUTTING IN BULKHEAD AT FOOT OF OCEAN PARKWAY 1,200 CUBIC YARDS OF BOAT STONE.
No. 2. FOR REPAIRS AND ALTERATIONS TO BOUNDARY WALL AROUND FORT GREENE PARK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.
No. 3. FOR THE ERECTION OF A SHELTER IN FORT GREENE PARK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.
No. 4. FOR ERECTION OF A SHELTER IN CARROLL PARK, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.
No. 5. FOR THE ERECTION OF A SHELTER IN IRVING SQUARE, BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.
For full particulars see City Record.
JOHN J. PALLAS, President;
HENRY C. SCHRADER,
MICHAEL J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.
Dated April 24, 1905.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS
SUB-DEPARTMENT: HARBOR BOARD
Baltimore, Md.
PUBLIC WHARVES AND DOCKS—PIER 4.
Proposals for the construction of a stone and timber bulkhead to inclose said North Pier No. 4, will be received until 11 o'clock forenoon of May 24, 1905. Proposals must be addressed to the Board of Awards and sent to the City Register, City Hall, accompanied by a certified check for 10 per cent. of the proposal payable to the Mayor and City Council of Baltimore. The right is reserved to reject any or all proposals. Plans and specifications can be had at the Harbor Board Office on payment of $5, to be refunded to bidders.
Approved: N. H. HUTTON,
E. CLAY TIMANUS, Harbor Engineer,
President Board of Awards.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Fire Commissioner at Nos. 157 and 159 East Sixty-seventh Street, Borough of Manhattan, The City of New York, until 10:30 o'clock A. M., on
WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 1905.
Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.
No. 1. FOR FURNISHING ALL THE LABOR AND MATERIALS REQUIRED FOR PLACING CONDUITS FOR THE FIRE DEPARTMENT TELEGRAPH AND ALARM SYSTEM UNDERGROUND IN THE BOROUGH OF BROOKLYN.
For full particulars see City Record.
NICHOLAS J. HAYES, Fire Commissioner.
Dated April 26, 1905.

SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES WILL BE received by the Park Board at Arsenal Building, Fifth Avenue and Sixty-fourth Street, Borough of Manhattan, until 2 o'clock P. M., on
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 1905.
Borough of Manhattan.
FOR PAVING WHERE DIRECTED WITH ROCK ASPHALT, MASTIC THE PRESENT COBBLESTONE AND STONE BLOCK GUTTERS OF THE CARRIAGE DRIVES IN CENTRAL PARK.
For full particulars see City Record.
JOHN J. PALLAS, President;
HENRY C. SCHRADER,
M. J. KENNEDY,
Commissioners of Parks.
Dated April 26, 1905.

ARMY BUILDING, Whitehall St., New York, May 1, 1905—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received here until 12 o'clock M., May 11, 1905, and then opened, for drayage required by the Quartermaster's Department during the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1905. Conditions, blanks, etc., furnished upon application. Government reserves the right to reject or accept any or all bids or any part thereof. Proposals should be indorsed "Proposals for Drayage" to be opened May 11, 1905, and addressed to G. S. BINGHAM, Maj. & Q. M. U. S. A., Depot Qr. Mr.

FORT HANCOCK, N. J., May 1, 1905—Sealed proposals for installing electric lighting fixtures in 5 buildings here will be received until 12 M., May 20, 1905. Information furnished on application. U. S. reserves right to reject any or all proposals. Envelopes should be marked "Proposals for Installing Electric Fixtures," Addressed ABE. S. BICKHAM, Q. M.

PROPOSALS FOR ORDNANCE SUPPLIES—Sandy Hook Proving Ground, P. O., Fort Hancock, N. J., May 1, 1905. Sealed proposals, in triplicate, will be received until 10 A. M., JUNE 1, 1905, for furnishing hardware, lumber, forage, fuel, oils, &c., during the year ending June 30, 1906. Information furnished on application. Col. CHAS. S. SMITH, Comdg.

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES.
THE DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES will offer for sale at public auction, May 9th, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock A. M., on the premises, buildings on the blocks between West 14th and 16th sts., North River. (For particulars see City Record.)

DEPARTMENT OF DOCKS AND FERRIES.
SEALED BIDS OR ESTIMATES for miscellaneous supplies (896) will be received by the Commissioner of Docks at Pier A, Battery Place, until 2 o'clock P. M., May 5, 1905. (For particulars see City Record.)

U. S. ENGINEER OFFICE, Galveston, Tex., May 1, 1905—Sealed proposals, in triplicate, for suction dredge, will be received here until 12 M., May 31, 1905, and then publicly opened. Information furnished on application. EDGAR JADWIN, Capt., Engrs.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT, Appellate Division, First Department,—In the Matter of the Application of the New York and Jersey Railroad Company for the appointment of three commissioners to determine and report whether a railroad ought to be constructed and operated.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, David McClure, William G. Davies and George R. Read, having by an order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial Department, entered in the above entitled matter on the 24th day of April, 1905, bearing date the same day, been appointed commissioners to determine and report after due public hearing whether the railroad or railroads mentioned in the petition of the said New York and Jersey Railroad Company presented to said Appellate Division on or about the 17th day of March, 1905, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the said Appellate Division on or about the same day ought to be constructed and operated, do hereby appoint Monday, the 8th day of May, 1905, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of David McClure, No. 22 William Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, as the time and place of their first sitting and that at such sitting and such adjourned sittings as may be thereafter held they will hear all persons interested in the said matter.
Dated, April 28th, 1905.
DAVID McCLURE,
WILLIAM G. DAVIES,
GEORGE R. READ,
Commissioners.
STETSON, JENNINGS & RUSSELL,
Attorneys for New York and Jersey Railroad Company,
15 Broad Street, New York City.

SUPREME COURT, Appellate Division, First Department—In the Matter of the Application of the Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company, for the appointment of three commissioners to determine and report whether a railroad ought to be constructed and operated.
PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the undersigned, Charles Bulkley Hubbell, James W. Boyle and Oscar Loewi, having by an order of the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court for the First Judicial Department, entered in the above entitled matter on the 28th day of April, 1905, bearing date on the same day, been appointed commissioners to determine and report after due public hearing whether the railroad or railroads mentioned in the petition of the said Hudson and Manhattan Railroad Company presented to said Appellate Division on or about the 10th day of February, 1905, and filed in the office of the Clerk of the said Appellate Division on or about the same day, ought to be constructed and operated, do hereby appoint Wednesday, the 10th day of May, 1905, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon, at the office of Charles Bulkley Hubbell, No. 31 Nassau Street, in the Borough of Manhattan, City of New York, as the time and place of their first sitting, and that at such sitting and such adjourned sittings as may thereafter be held, they will hear all persons interested in the said matter.
Dated May 1st, 1905.
CHAS. BULKLEY HUBBELL,
OSCAR LOEWI,
JAMES W. BOYLE,
Commissioners.
STETSON, JENNINGS & RUSSELL,
Attys. for Hudson & Manhattan Railroad Company, 15 Broad Street, New York City.

Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an act, Assembly Bill, Printed No. 661, Int. No. 590, has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled
"AN ACT
AUTHORIZING THE AUDIT AND ALLOWANCE OF THE CLAIM OF ANDREW P. WERNBERG AGAINST THE CITY OF NEW YORK FOR SERVICES RENDERED AS INSPECTOR OF THE AUDITING BUREAU OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK."
Further notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing upon such bill will be held at Mayor's office in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, May 4, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.
Dated City Hall, New York, May 1, 1905.
GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.
P. S.—This bill will be the first one heard at that time.

Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an act, Assembly Bill, Printed No. 2075, Int. No. 1461, has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled
"AN ACT
TO AMEND SETCION TEN OF THE GREATER NEW YORK CHARTER, IN RELATION TO THE POWERS OF THE BOARD OF ESTIMATE AND APPORTIONMENT."
Further notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing upon such bill will be held at Mayor's office in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, May 4, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.
Dated City Hall, New York, May 1, 1905.
GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.
P. S.—This bill will be the second one heard at that time.

Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an act, Assembly Bill, Printed No. 77, Int. No. 77, has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled
"AN ACT
FOR THE RELIEF OF MANHEIM BROWN."
Further notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing upon such bill will be held at Mayor's Office in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, May 4, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.
Dated City Hall, New York, May 1, 1905.
GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.
P. S.—This bill will be the third one heard at that time.

Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an act, Assembly Bill, Printed No. 348, Int. No. 348, has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled
"AN ACT
TO CONFIRM THE APPOINTMENTS OF CERTAIN PERSONS AS FIREMEN OF THE CITY OF BROOKLYN, NEW YORK."
Further notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing upon such bill will be held at Mayor's Office in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, May 4, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.
Dated City Hall, New York, May 1, 1905.
GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.
P. S.—This bill will be the fourth one heard at that time.

Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an act, Assembly Bill, Printed No. 1706, Int. No. 1299, has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled
"AN ACT
TO AUTHORIZE THE COMPTROLLER OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK TO REFUND TAXES ERRONEOUSLY PAID BY ELIZABETH McGOWAN."
Further notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing upon such bill will be held at Mayor's office in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, May 4, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.
Dated City Hall, New York, May 1, 1905.
GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.
P. S.—This bill will be the fifth one heard at that time.

Pursuant to statutory requirement, notice is hereby given that an act, Assembly Bill, Printed No. 1943, Int. No. 863, has been passed by both branches of the Legislature, entitled
"AN ACT
TO AMEND CHAPTER FIVE HUNDRED AND EIGHTY OF THE LAWS OF NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWO, ENTITLED 'AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE MUNICIPAL COURT OF THE CITY OF NEW YORK, ITS OFFICERS AND MARSHALS,' RELATIVE TO SERVICE OF PRECEPT IN DISPOSSESS PROCEEDINGS."
Further notice is hereby given that a Public Hearing upon such bill will be held at Mayor's office in the City Hall, in The City of New York, on Thursday, May 4, 1905, at 10:30 o'clock A. M.
Dated City Hall, New York, May 1, 1905.
GEORGE B. McCLELLAN, Mayor.
P. S.—This bill will be the sixth one heard at that time.

Pursuant to statutory requ