CITY INTELLIGENCE

(*For Additional Local Items see Eighth Page.*)

THE PRESTON RETREAT.—The Managers of the Preston Retreat take this method of announcing that the Retreat is now open for the reception of patients. Dr. Jonas Preston appropriated by will the larger portion of a valuable estate to the founding of an hospital, in which indigent married women of good moral character, residents of the city and county of Philadelphia, and county of Delaware, in Pennsylvania, could be provided with suitable attendance and comfort during the period of their confinement. As the income of the estate is now sufficient to provide for as many patients as can be accommodated in the large building of the Retreat, the Managers have made all arrangements for opening the house; and patients are now occupying some of the wards. Application for admission should be made to Dr. William Goodell, Physician in charge, at the Retreat, Hamilton street, between Twentieth and Twenty-first streets, who can furnish all information in regard to regulations for admission, etc.

JOHN M. OGDEN, President.

A MEETING of the stockholders of the New York Middle Coal Field Railroad and Coal Company was held at the office of the Company on Tuesday, at 12½ o'clock. Mr. Adam Warthman was called to the chair, and E. C. Pechin appointed Secretary. The object of the meeting was to act upon the supplement passed at the last session of the Legislature, and which is as follows:—

Supplement to "An Act to Incorporate the New York and Middle Coal Field Railroad and Coal Company."

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in General Assembly met, and it is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the time for the completion of the Railroad of the New York and Middle Coal Field Railroad and Coal Company shall be extended until the first day of January, Anno Domini one thousand eight hundred and seventy two, with the right of extending the main road eastward by the Lizzard Creek, or such other line as the Directors may select, to the Delaware river, and a branch to the Juniata, from such point along the main line as may be deemed advisable, with the privilege of connecting at the state line or at or near either, or both of said streams, or at any intermediate point with any other railroad or railroads now constructed, or that may hereafter be constructed, leading into the interior, or in the direction of the tide-water, and for all or either of said purposes the Company are hereby authorized to use all the powers and privileges granted in their original charter and its supplements.

Section 2. That the right shall be conferred upon the said Company of creating and disposing of the additional amount of stock necessary to the construction and equipment of said railroad and its branches, on such terms as the directors may deem needful; or it may, if deemed expedient, borrow money from time to time for the said purpose, at a rate of interest not exceeding eight per cent. per annum, and issue its bonds or other obligations therefor, in sums not less than one hundred dollars each, and may secure the payment of the same by a mortgage or mortgages of its lands, improvements, railroad, and corporate franchises, or any part thereof.

Section 3. That the right be conferred upon the said Company of completing their railroad, or its branches, by sections of five or more miles, and operating each section as completed under the provisions of the General Railroad law of this Commonwealth.

The President of the Company, Mr. McLellan, explained at length the provisions of the bill. The surveys for two routes have been fully made—one from Schuylkill Haven to Lizard Creek, 31 miles; and the other from Tamaqua to Lehighton, about 15 miles. By either of these routes coal can be carried to New York, from Schuylkill county, from 40 to 50 miles less distance than by any existing route. The resolution to accept the supplement was adopted, and the following resolutions unanimously adopted:

Resolved That the Directors be requested to submit to the Stockholders, for signature, a proposition to sell a majority of the stock, at not less than ten cents per share, to any parties who will agree to furnish the money necessary to build the road. It is the intention of the Company to shortly commence the erection of a first-class colliery upon the land.

THE CITIZENS' ASSOCIATION OF PENNSYLVANIA.—For benevolent and reformative purposes, the Legislature has incorporated an association bearing the above caption, its specific object being the reformation of inebriates, and the moral and social elevation and improvement of the ignorant and the neglected. The association is in the hands of a number of gentlemen whose names are full guarantees for the character of their trust. They are John Aibright, John A. Maris, Wistar Morris, George Milliken, Jay Cooke, Samuel Parrish, M. D., S. Morris Wain, Joshua Woolston, Samuel A. Crozier, Dr. Caspar Morris, Archibald Campbell, Joseph Parrish, M. D.

The Legislature has already incorporated the Association. Official authority makes it a body politic, having power to purchase and possess lands, to erect buildings for the custody and care of the intemperate, to open employment offices, to examine into and take statistics of intemperance, vagrancy, and crime, and, in fact, to exercise unlimited power for the prevention of evil.

It is proposed by the Directors to open and establish branch offices in the various counties of the State and all parts of the Union. The initiatory step, the opening of a central office in this city, will be speedily taken. This will be the great heart of the work, and the agencies of the Association, working through a hundred arteries, will soon be in active operation in all quarters of Pennsylvania. The State will be divided according to the present judicial districts, and the Association will carefully labor to create public sentiment in favor of its work, by the discriminate distribution of facts and statistics of vagrancy, crime, and intemperance. At present any information relative to the Association can be procured at the Freemen's Relief Commission rooms, No 424 Walnut street. The officers of the Society are:—President, Dr. Joseph Parrish; and Treasurer, Joshua Woolston.

A LARGE BUILDING.—By June 1st will be completed, at the Frankford Arsenal, a building that will probably equal, if not excel, anything of its character existing elsewhere. It will cost the Government about $300,000. It is a copper and brass rolling mill. It is 225 feet long by 50 feet deep, with two wings, each of 120 feet depth. Joan Frazer, the architect of the work, has devoted to it a vast amount of attention. The building is so absolutely fire-proof that even the gutter pipes are of copper. In the whole structure there is nothing that is possibly inflammable. The exterior of the building is handsome. The base is of dressed eastern granite; the superstructure is brick, dressed with brown stone. The same architect is erecting at the Allegheny Arsenal, at Pittsburg, a military storehouse, made fire-proof by corresponding means. The Government is expending upon it about $150,000. It is 225 feet long, 45 feet deep, and three stories high. Like the stupendous building at Frankford, it will be at least indestructible by fire.

LOSSES BY RECENT FIRES.—The losses and insurances by the fire on Twenty-first street, above Chesnut, on Monday morning, foot up thus:—John D. Jones, on building $25,000; on material and machinery, $25,000—insurance $18,000, in the Royal, Franklin, Girard, and Lycoming Mutual. The other occupants were Adams & Kern, manufacturers, loss $4000—no insurance; James Cameron, machinist, loss $2000—no insurance; James Blair, stair builder, loss $5000—no insurance; Willis & Co., sash and blind shutter makers, loss $3000—insurance $1000; J. Coulston, carpenter and builder, loss $1800—no insurance; C. Latourneau, turner, loss $2200—no insurance. Fenthiree story dwellings on Chesnut street, belonging to Dr. J. Steward, were damaged in the rear. Insured in the Fire Association and Franklin Insurance Company.

The loss of E. Fagan, owner of building No 142 Dock street, burned the same morning, is $2500, upon which there is a partial insurance. Messrs. Barding & Schutte, the occupants, lose about $4500, and are also partially insured.

PETROLEUM IN THE CITY.—There having been a great deal of discussion about the storage of petroleum in the city of Philadelphia, an act was passed at the last session of the Legislature providing that Samuel L. Evans, S. E. corner of Front and Reed streets; Jacob S. Fry, S. W. corner of Thirteenth and Hamilton streets; Logan & Lloyd, S. E. corner of Twentieth street and Washington avenue; Wilson, Chute & Co., Thirty-sixth and Grape streets; and Ackley & Co., Christian street wharf, on the Schuylkill river, shall not be subject to the provisions of an act approved March 2, 1865, for the better security of the city against damage from the refining and negligent storage of petroleum, until the expiration of nine months from March 2, 1866. But the Fire Marshal shall see that their refineries are so arranged as to prevent the escape of oil into the premises adjoining or the public highways, and shall so certify to the Mayor.

AN IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.—On Monday afternoon there will be a general convention of the architects of the city, at the room of the Board of School Control. The Board will soon commence the erection of new school buildings in several wards, and the advantages of a general session of builders and a free discussion of the different models of school architecture need no amplification. The intimate intercourse established by Mr. Edward Shippen and Hon. James Freeborn, between the Philadelphia School Board and the Educational Boards of New York and Boston, has led to a careful study of Eastern school building. They are all designed on better scientific and sanitary principles, and some of the new school-houses to be erected in Philadelphia will probably be models of the most popular buildings in the East.

POLICE ITEMS.—A man named Anthony Coe, hailing from St. Louis, was arrested on Tuesday afternoon, by Officer Samuel Smith, of the Third District police, at sixth and South streets, upon the charge of attempting to pass a twenty dollar counterfeit national bank note. He was held in default of $500 bail to answer at court by Alderman Butler.

Last evening Police Officer Sommerdyke preferred a charge of interference with the performance of his duties against John A. McGrath and Marun Tracy. The charge grew out of a disturbance on Saturday evening, at Sixteenth and Lombard streets, when the officer was endeavoring to arrest a drunken man. At the hearing, a citizen of the Seventh Ward made a charge of drunkenness against the police officer, and stated that the mob interfered and arrested police officer and man both, but subsequently the former was let off. The affair was discreditable in the extreme. The defendants were bound over to answer the charge by Alderman Patchel.

A BAD BOY.—A lad named Connelly, aged 10 years, was arrested yesterday afternoon, at Eighth and Locust streets, by Reserve Officer Cooley, for stabbing another boy in the arm with a penknife. It appears that the boys got into a difficulty, and after exchanging blows, Connelly drew a knife and cut his antagonist. He was taken before Alderman Beitler, who reprimanded Connelly and his parents, and discharged him from custody.

AN IMPROVEMENT.—Preparations are being made for the erection of a sugar refinery, on Delaware avenue, below Shippen street, which is to be one hundred and twenty feet square and nine stories in height, and to have a boiler-house attached, twenty-five by fifty feet. It is to be erected for Messrs. Harrison & Co. This, with the extensive storehouses now going up on the avenue, at Almond street, will greatly add to the improvement of that neighborhood.

SUICIDE AND MURDER.

A German Lady Jumps into the Central Park Lake, and is Drowned—The Cause of the Suicide as yet Unknown—A Woman in the First Avenue Said to have been Murdered by her Husband, Etc. Etc.

An inquest was held yesterday, by Coroner Gamble, at the Central Park Police Station, in Fifth avenue, over the remains of an unknown female, who had evidently committed suicide by jumping into the lake on Monday afternoon. From the testimony taken by the Coroner, it appears that on the afternoon in question Mrs Eliza Bennett, who is employed in the ladies' saloon overlooking the lake in the Park, noticed a young woman walking about the esplanade, on the borders of the lake, where the boats are moored. Suddenly, while her back was turned, Mrs Bennett heard a splash, which she at first supposed was occasioned by some boys throwing stones in the water, but to satisfy herself, she ran down to the water's edge, and there was horrified to find the woman she had previously noticed floundering in the water. The drowning woman made no effort nor expressed a desire to be rescued. But Mrs. Bennett raised an alarm, and with the assistance of a laborer in the park, and a gentleman who was passing in a carriage at the time, the woman was taken from the water in an insensible condition. A physician was summoned, and efforts were made to resuscitate the unfortunate woman, but without success. The remains were then conveyed to the police station. From the fact that the woman divested herself of a water-proof cloak and a woollen cloud before she threw herself overboard, there is no doubt that the deed was wholly premeditated. The cloak and cloud were found in one of the boats on the bank of the lake. The jury empanelled in the case rendered a verdict of "Suicide by drowning."

The deceased was apparently a German woman, about twenty-two or twenty-three years of age, of medium height, and quite stoutly built, with light blue eyes, and dark-brown curly hair. She was far advanced in pregnancy. She was attired in a light calico loose wrapper, with dark figure, cotton drawers, chemise, and night gown, white cotton stockings, and laced boots. She wore no hoop skirts. On one of the fingers of her left hand was a plain black ring, in her ears, gold and jet rings, and at the neck-band of her chemise a black and gold stud, bearing the initials, "A. D. M. H." The remains are now in charge of the Coroner, awaiting identification.

THE MYSTERIOUS DISAPPEARANCE OF A MARRIED WOMAN.

Mr. Julius Matson, a miner, forty-five years of age, who resides in First avenue, between Eighty-fourth and Eighty-fifth streets, was yesterday arrested by Officer Robert Brown, of the Twenty-third Precinct police, on suspicion of having, by some mysterious means, caused the disappearance of his wife, Sarah K. Matson, a woman thirty-nine years of age. It is alleged by some of the persons residing in Matson's immediate neighborhood, that about 3 o'clock on last Thursday morning the noise of a scuffle, accompanied by the screams of a woman, apparently in distress, was heard to proceed from Matson's house, but as Matson was a man of intemperate habits, and frequently indulged in beating his wife, no attention was paid to these noises at the time. The next day it was discovered that Mrs. Matson had mysteriously disappeared from the house (having left in her night-clothes), and since that time nothing has been seen or heard of the missing wife. It was thereupon supposed that Matson had resorted to violent measures for the purpose of getting rid of his wife. A thousand rumors were floating about the neighborhood, until the suspicions in regard to the matter were brought to the attention of Captain Hutchings, of the Twenty-third Precinct, who at once determined to make an investigation in the case, and, as a preliminary step, ordered the arrest of Mr Matson, which was accordingly effected as stated above. The prisoner is held in the custody of the police to await an investigation.—*New York World.*

A Mission from Italy.

Among the passengers who arrived at New York yesterday, by the *Scotia*, was Count Castiglione, who comes to this country for the second time, charged with a mission from the King of Italy.

BONNETS IN PARIS.—The one great object of my admiration in Paris is the "bonnet"—its ever-changing shape, its splendor, its disappearance, and its "dark days of nothingness." What do you think bonnets were yesterday? Not crepe, nor tulle, nor silk, nor satin, nor velvet, nor straw. No, nothing but flowers. I saw one lady with a bonnet of daisies, and another who had on her head a handful of lilies of the valley, festooned with green ribbon. It it really is anything a bonnet can scarcely be less than a few lilies of the valley, which at Florence would cost half a paul. Another lady had a wreath of wall flowers. Of the last I will only say "non mi gusta," it was too like a fashion which used to obtain in London on May-day, especially with "my lord" and "my lady;" but the others were sweetly pretty, and that such a something as that "lily" bonnet could come out of nothing is, I confess, a wonder of art. There was, too, a dust-colored dress and bonnet, the latter having in it two great natural roses, which were worth paying the Grand Stand ticket only to see. Certainly some French women can dress, if they can do nothing else. Not that I turn against my countrywomen. No. As in St. James street you can get a better dinner than on the Boulevard, so in the Park you can see a greater show of beauty than in the Bois, and for the same reason—the raw material is so superior.—*London Paris Letter.*

DEATH OF LORD CLINTON.—We (*London Post*) announce, with much regret, the death of this venerable Peer, which occurred about nine o'clock on Tuesday night, at his seat, in the county of Devon. The noble Lord was the eighteenth baron, was born in November, 1791, and was consequently in his 75th year.

VOLUNTEER COMPANIES IN THE SOUTH.—The Mobile (Ala.) *Tribune* has news that a portion of the State militia will presently be called out to assist the police in the preservation of public order.

COAL CHEAP AT THE MINES.—The Pottsville (Pa.) *Miners' Journal* says that coal is now selling in that region as low as it did in the first year of the war.

NEEDLES' COMPOUND CAMPHOR TROCHES, Positive Preventive of CHOLERA, Diarrhœa, Dysentery, and Cholera Morbus, 50 Cts. per Box, mailed on receipt of price. Sole Factor, C. H. Needles, Druggist, 12th & Race Sts., Phila.

FOR SALE—STATE AND COUNTY RIGHTS of Capewell & Co.'s Patent Wind Guard and Air Heater for Coal Oil Lamps: it prevents the Chimneys from breaking. This we will warrant. Also saves one-third the oil. Call and see them they cost but ten cents. No. 263 RACE street Philadelphia. Sample sent to any part of the United states on receipt of 25 cents. 3 10

AMUSEMENTS.

RISLEY'S CONTINENTAL NEWS EXCHANGE. Choice Seats to all places of Amusement may be had up to 6½ o'clock any evening. 1 31 ly

MUSICAL FUND HALL.

COMPLIMENTARY CONCERT FOR THE PRESENTATION OF THE Carl Wolfsohn Testimonial, On Saturday Evening, May 5.

For particulars see Programmes. To be had at the Music Stores. 5 2 4t

SPECIAL ATTENTION IS CALLED TO A GREAT WORK OF ART, NOW ON EXHIBITION AT F. GAL'LYLEWITZ'S PHILADELPHIA ART GALLERY, No. 1305 CHESNUT Street. Cammarano's Great Historical Picture of the SACKING OF ALTAMURA, BY CARDINAL RUFFO, IN 1799. Painted by order of the Italian Government. The Picture will be engraved by JOHN SARTAIN. For a full description of this extraordinary production, we refer to the printed details in the Gallery. Admission to the Gallery, 25 cents. 4 21 1m

NEW CHESNUT STREET THEATRE. CHESNUT Street, above Twelfth. L. GROVER & W. E. SINN, Lessees and Managers.

Mr WILLIAM E. SINN Resident Manager, has the honor to announce to his friends, and the public in general, that his

ANNUAL BENEFIT
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will take place on the

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for which occasion a bill of

SURPASSING ATTRACTIVENESS

is in preparation.

At the

MATINEE PERFORMANCE

the powerful drama in three acts, entitled

THE HUT OF THE RED MOUNTAIN.
THE HUT OF THE RED MOUNTAIN.
THE HUT OF THE RED MOUNTAIN.

will be presented.

In the evening, the celebrated comedienne,

MISS JULIA DALY,
MISS JULIA DALY,
MISS JULIA DALY,
MISS JULIA DALY,

who has kindly volunteered her services for this occasion, will make her first appearance in this city for several years in her great specialty

THE FEMALE AMERICAN COUSIN,
THE FEMALE AMERICAN COUSIN,
THE FEMALE AMERICAN COUSIN,
THE FEMALE AMERICAN COUSIN.

as performed by her in England and America for many hundred nights.

MISS KATE PENNOYER
MISS KATE PENNOYER

has also volunteered and will appear in her powerful delineation of

THE FRENCH SPY.
THE FRENCH SPY.
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THE FRENCH SPY.

in the drama of that name.

The Box Sheet is now open, and seats may be secured in advance. 5 3 2t

NEW CHESNUT STREET THEATRE.—CHESNUT Street above Twelfth. LEONARD GROVER & WILLIAM E. SINN, Lessees and Managers. WILLIAM E. SINN..... Resident Manager. Doors open at 7. Curtain rises at 7 45.

THIS EVENING, LAST NIGHT BUT ONE OF MISS MAGGIE MITCHELL, MISS MAGGIE MITCHELL, who will appear in the charming character of AMRIE, IN THE BEAUTIFUL HOME DRAMA, in five acts, entitled LITTLE BAREFOOT. LITTLE BAREFOOT. Miss MAGGIE MITCHELL will be supported by Mr. J. W. COLLIER, and the strength of the Company. FRIDAY EVENING, BENEFIT OF MISS MAGGIE MITCHELL. SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, May 5 SATURDAY AFTERNOON AND EVENING, May 5, ANNUAL BENEFIT OF WM. E. SINN (Resident Manager). First appearance in this city of MISS JULIA DALY in her celebrated specialty THE FEMALE AMERICAN COUSIN. First appearance in this city of MISS KATE PENNOYER, as the "FRENCH SPY," in the drama of that name. At the Matinee the powerful drama in three acts, THE HUT OF THE RED MOUNTAIN will be performed. Box Sheet now open. MONDAY EVENING, May 7, first appearance of MR. EDWIN ADAMS. Admission to evening performance, 25c., 50c., and $1.

AMERICAN ACADEMY OF MUSIC, CORNER of BROAD and LOCUST Streets. Lessee and Manager..... WILLIAM WHEATLEY

FAREWELL NIGHTS in Philadelphia of the CELEBRATED RAVEL TROUPE. THIS (Thursday) EVENING, May 3, First time of the new comic pantomime of THE CONTRABANDIST, Pico'o.....FRANCOIS RAVEL The Pet of the City, YOUNG AMERICA, ON THE TEREE FLYING TRAPEZE THE MARTINETTIS AS THE ATHLETES Second time of the amusing pantomime of GODENSKI. Rolloff, a drunken conscript.....GABRIEL RAVEL. Stanlias, an old soldier.....ANTOINE RAVEL. Godenski.....YOUNG AMERICA. The piece will conclude with a GRAND SKATING SCENE. TO-MORROW (Friday), ONLY BENEFIT OF FRANCOIS RAVEL. The Trapeze, Schoolmaster, Spanish Ballet, and The Coopers. ADMISSION.....50 cents. Reserved Seats.....75 cents. Family Circle.....30 cents. Ampitheatre.....25 cents. Doors open at ½ past 7. To commence at 8 o'clock. Seats secured in advance at C. W. A. Trumpler's Music Store, Seventh and Chesnut streets, and at the Box Office of the Academy from 9 A. M. till 4 P. M. SATURDAY AFTERNOON, at 2 o'clock, THE FIFTH GRAND RAVEL MATINEE will be given, being positively THE LAST BUT ONE. ADMISSION, with reserved seats.....50 cents

WALNUT STREET THEATRE.—N. E. corner NINTH and WALNUT Streets. Begins quarter to 8.

SPECIAL NOTICE. In consequence of the length and importance of HAMLET, as now presented, the public is most respectfully informed that the overture will commence at a quarter past seven o'clock, at the conclusion of which the curtain will rise.

THIS, AND EVERY EVENING, MR. EDWIN BOOTH AS HAMLET. Laertes.....Mr. CHARLES BARRON. The Ghost.....Mr. J. H. TAYLOR. HAMLET will constitute the evening's performance. FRIDAY—BENEFIT OF EDWIN BOOTH.

MRS. JOHN DREW'S NEW ARCH STREET THEATRE. Begins at 7¾ o'clock.

LAST NIGHT BUT ONE OF MADAME CELESTE. WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY EVENINGS, May 2 and 3. THE HOUSE ON THE BRIDGE OF NOTRE DAME. Ernest de Lagarde, Zambaro, ...Madame CELESTE. After which, the glorious farce of TURN HIM OUT. Nicodemus Nobbs.....Stuart Robson. FRIDAY—BENEFIT AND LAST NIGHT OF MADAME CELESTE, who will appear in two grand plays. SATURDAY, THE STREETS OF NEW YORK. Seats secured six days in advance.

NEW AMERICAN THEATRE—WALNUT Street, above Eighth. BRILLIANT COMBINATION, EVERY EVENING, AND ON WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY AFTERNOONS. LAST WEEK OF EL NINO EDDIE, MADELLE FORESTAL. The wonderful Female Gymnast, from Europe. Mr. G. W. SMITH and Ballet troupe. Songs, Dances, Dramas, Ethiopian Burlesques, etc.

MUSICAL SOIREE, EVERY EVENING, AT THE CITY CHESS AND READING ROOMS, No. 1235 CHESNUT Street, Philadelphia. [4 16 1m

GERMANIA ORCHESTRA.—PUBLIC REHEARSALS every SATURDAY AFTERNOON AT MUSICAL FUND HALL, 3¾ o'clock. Engagements made by addressing GEORGE BASTERT, Agent, No. 1 MONTEREY street, between Race and Vine. 1 18 1m

PROPOSALS.

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 Rail Transportation), at 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, turn-tables, bridges, etc., the railroad materials and supplies pertaining to the road, together with the rolling stock, cars, machinery, and other equipment.

The sale will not include the title to the land, which does not belong to the United States.

This road is about ten miles in length, and extends from Brazos Santiago to White's Ranche, on the Rio Grande. From this point connection is made by steamer with Brownsville and Matamoras.

This route is the shortest and best for the immense traffic between the Gulf of Mexico and the interior of Southern Texas and Northern Mexico, and the communication by rail alone can readily be extended to Brownsville.

The road already completed saves thirty miles of difficult and tortuous navigation. Boats on the river now charge, it is stated, for freight to Brownsville, as high as $5 per barrel, and for passengers $15 each.

The road is five-feet guage, good ties T rail, and full-spiked.

More particular description of the property can be obtained at this office, or at that of the Chief Quartermaster Military Division of the Gulf, at New Orleans.

A condition of the sale will be that transportation shall be furnished for all Government troops and supplies, whenever required, at the rates paid by Government at the time to the New York Central Railroad.

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 or 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, Brevet Colonel and A. Q. M., in charge of Fourth Division Q. M. G. O. 4 23 tM31

PROPOSALS FOR BUILDING A NAVAL HOSPITAL AT PHILADELPHIA, PA.

BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY, NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, D. C.

Proposals will be received at this office for the erection and construction (complete) of a Naval Hospital at Philadelphia.

Plans and specifications of the proposed buildings can be seen at the office of John McArthur, Jr., architect, No. 209 S. Sixth street, Philadelphia, who will afford all bidders every information necessary to a full understanding of the requirements of the Department in the matter of the erection and construction of the Hospital aforesaid.

Each proposal, to be considered, must be guaranteed by two responsible persons, certified by the United States District Judge, Attorney, or Collector, or other public officer, as to their competence and willingness to guarantee to the sum of thirty (30) per cent. of the whole amount of the proposal offered, that the bidder or bidders so guaranteed (should the contract be awarded him or them) shall, within ten days of the acceptance of his or their bid, enter into contract with the Navy Department for the erection and construction of the Hospital and its appurtenances, and carry through the same to completion, according to the terms of the bid and the plans and specifications above mentioned.

Proposals must state the shortest time required to complete the contract, with the understanding that between two or more bids of equal amount, the Department will give the preference to that naming the shortest time.

Payments for the work will be made monthly, as it progresses, upon certificate of the architect, stating its amount and quality, and that the terms of the contract have been complied with—the Department reserving twenty (20) per cent. of the whole amount of each certificate until the buildings are delivered into its hands, complete and ready for occupancy, according to the terms of the contract for the erection and construction of the Naval Hospital and its appurtenances before mentioned.

All the proposals must be addressed to the undersigned, marked "Proposals for Naval Hospital at Philadelphia."

The proposals will be opened in the presence of the bidders, at the Navy Department, at noon of Tuesday, May 22 1866.

The Department reserves to itself the right to reject any or all bids not deemed by it satisfactory or to the interests of the Government.

P. J. BORWITZ, Chief of Bureau.

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UNITED STATES MILITARY RAILROADS. OFFICE OF ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER, No 250 G Street, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 28, 1866.

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office, until 12 o'clock 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, Bolts, Plates, 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 the 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, Brevet Major and A. Q. M., U. S. Army. 4 30-18t

GOVERNMENT SALES.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE.

FORT DELAWARE, Del., May 1, 1866.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on account of the United States, at Fort Delaware, Del.,

On SATURDAY, MAY 12, 1866,

At 1 o'clock P. M., the

HOSPITAL BUILDINGS,

Consisting of:—

Six Frame Buildings, 24 feet wide, 14 feet high, and 350 feet long. Containing—

8160 feet Spruce Flooring,
8228 feet grooved Ceiling Boards,
19 200 plain Shingles,
9100 feet Hemlock Sheathing Boards,
11 100 feet Pine Boards,
Eight Corridors, containing—
20,927 feet plain Boards,
4708 Pine Shingles,
6260 feet Flooring,
3500 feet Scantling,
10 Cedar Water Tanks, 2500 gallons each;
9 Lightning Rods 325 feet in all.

Four Sheds, containing—

1904 Shingles,
1800 feet Hemlock Boards,
1300 feet Hemlock Scantling,
1780 feet Pine Boards,
600 feet Flooring,
2 Cooking Ranges.

Terms of Sale—Cash, Government funds.

A deposit of ten (10) per cent. to be paid on each bid; balance immediately after the sale.

The buildings, etc., must be removed within twenty (20) days from date of sale, and will be at the risk of the purchaser.

The 9 o'clock A. M. train of the Philadelphia, Wilmington, and Baltimore Railroad Company, for New Castle. On arrival a steam-tug will leave for the Fort.

By order of

Col G. W. BRADLEY, Chief Q. M. Mid Mil Dept.
5 2 10t Bvt. Capt. U. S. A., A. A. Q. E. S. SMITH,

OFFICE SUPERVISING COMMISSARY

DEPARTMENT OF VIRGINIA AND NORTH CAROLINA, RICHMOND VA., April 30, 1866.

SALE OF HARD BREAD AT PUBLIC AUCTION

Will be sold at Public Auction, on THURSDAY, the 17th day of May, 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the United States Commissary Storehouse, Goldsboro, N. C., about three hundred and sixty four thousand (364 000) pounds of Hard Bread, in lots to suit purchasers.

This bread is in boxes of fifty (50) pounds each.

Terms—Cash, in Government funds, on day of sale.

THOMAS C. SULLIVAN, Brevet Major and C. S., U. S. A. 5 2 12t

THE STAMP AGENCY, NO. 304 CHESNUT STREET, ABOVE THIRD, WILL BE CONTINUED AS HERETOFORE.

STAMPS of EVERY DESCRIPTION CONSTANTLY ON HAND, AND ANY AMOUNT. 1 11

GOVERNMENT SALES.

LARGE SALE OF QUARTERMASTER'S STORES AT THE CAVALRY DEPOT, GIESBORO, D. C.

QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, FIRST DIVISION, WASHINGTON, D. C., April 23, 1866.

By order of the Quartermaster General, there will be sold, on the premises, at public auction, under the direction of Captain George T. Browning, A. Q. M., on TUESDAY, the 8th of May, 1866, and continue from day to day until all is sold, the following described lots of Quartermaster's stores, viz.:—

145 sets Cart Harness.	125 lbs Tallow,
28 sets Four-horse Harness.	6 bbls. Salt,
40 sets Ambulance Harness.	80 Oil Cans,
160 Saddles,	6 Platform Scales,
36 Carts,	8 Single and Double Blocks,
3 Watering Carts,	28 Crowbars,
17 Army Wagons (four horse),	517 lbs Railroad Spikes (new),
3 Army Wagons (two horse).	250 Shutter and Gate Hasps
1 Ambulance (four horse).	250 lbs Nuts,
5 Dead-horse Wagons,	700 Open Rings, Bolts, Links, etc.,
39 Portable Forges,	500 Tire Bolts,
70 Anvils,	850 Linch Pins,
27 Cantrons,	1200 Staples, Hooks, T's, etc.,
20 Cooking Stoves and Fixtures,	44 pairs Hames,
60 Heating Stoves,	80 Riding Bridles,
500 Benches,	20 partsets 4 horse Ambulance Harness (new).
140 Mess Tables,	10 Bridles (new),
2000 Table Spoons,	100 sets Lines and Martingales,
1000 Knives and Forks,	91 Collar Pads,
54 Ladles,	200 Sandheles, Saddlebags, and Cruppers,
1060 Tin Cups,	1 set Hobbles,
1000 Tin Plates,	70 Blankets,
35 Coffee Pots,	4 sides Belting Leather,
95 Bread Pans,	4 sides Bridle Leather,
250 Manure Forks,	500 Curry Combs,
106 Axes,	700 Horse Brushes,
50 Spades,	13 sheets Sheet-iron (new).
450 Shovels,	250 lbs. Lead,
7 Coal Buckets (large),	50 lbs Babbit Metal,
950 Water Buckets,	125 Lanterns, Lamps,
318 Head Halters and Ropes (new),	6 boxes Window Glass,
710 Head Halters and Ropes (good),	20 lbs. Rotten Stone,
1000 Head Halters (good),	1 Circular Saw, frame and belting,
200 Head Halters,	2 Circular Saws,
500 Head Halters and Chains,	2 Cross-cut Saws,
500 Neck Straps and Chains,	4 Wood Saws,
500 Halter Chains,	32 Hand Saws,
250 Canvas Horse Covers,	10 Tenon Saws,
8 Grindstones,	50 Planes (assorted),
32 Axle Boxes,	50 Caulking Irons, Hooks, etc.,
6000 lbs. Scrap Iron,	11 Vices,
3000 lbs. Horse Shoes,	150 Brands (assorted),
500 lbs. Chain,	3 Cleaves,
6 Log Chains,	14 Augers,
4000 lbs. Assorted Iron,	1 Tenon Auger (complete)
1122 lbs Scrap Iron,	8 Brace and Bits,
6000 lbs Rope,	60 Auger Bits (assorted),
170 Wall Brushes,	12 Trying Squares,
37 sets Shoeing Tools,	10 Spoke Shaves and Saw sets,
40 sets Saddlers' Tools,	40 Oil Stones,
50 Hardies,	14 Claw Hammers,
150 Pritchels and Punches,	50 Hatchets,
24 pairs Tongs,	5 Screw Drivers,
100 pairs Pincheers,	12 Monkey Wrenches,
75 Cold Chisels,	11 Drawing Knives,
60 Clinch Irons,	2 Spirit Levels,
250 Hammers (assorted),	5 Adzes and Hand Axes
800 Rasps,	4 Sets Stocks and Dies,
200 Files,	100 Chisels (assorted),
2 Bellows,	500 Halter Squares,
200 Brooms,	200 gross Buckles,
50 Ice Hooks,	10 gross Halter Bolts,
2 sets Shoeing Stocks,	10 gross Rings,
100 Wheelbarrows,	90 Door Bolts and Thumb Latches,
50 Iron Pots,	175 Locks (assorted),
4 Dutch Ovens,	300 Carriage Knobs,
276 Stove Pipe, Joints and Elbows,	20 lbs. Copper Rivets,
50 Camp Kettles,	150 pairs Butt Hinges,
225 Picks,	150 pairs Strap Hinges,
2 Plows,	30 Chairs,
5 Road Scrapers,	2 Office Tables,
3000 Plastering Laths,	26 Office and Field Desks,
90 Wagon Hounds (new),	18,000 Grain Sacks.
27 Feed Troughs,	
88 Double trees and Lead bars,	

One "Felton's Eight horse Power," with bearings and bolts, shafting, gearing, pulleys, etc., and

One Force Pump, capable of forcing twelve thousand (12,000) gallons of water per day. And many other articles not enumerated in the above list.

Terms—Cash, in Government funds.

Stores will be delivered on the wharf of the Giesboro Depot, free of expense to the purchaser.

The purchaser will be allowed five (5) days from date of sale in which to remove the stores.

A boat for Giesboro will leave the Sixth Street wharf every hour during the days of sale.

JAMES A. EKIN, Brevet Brigadier-General, in charge, First Division, Q. M. G. O. 4 24 12t

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, No. 1139 GIRARD STREET, PHILADELPHIA, April 24, 1866.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on account of the United States, on the grounds,

AT CHESNUT HILL, PHILADELPHIA, ON SATURDAY, May 5th, and MONDAY, May 7th, 1866,

Sale commencing each day at eleven (11) o'clock, A. M.:—

The Buildings, etc., heretofore known as the U. S. Mower Hospital, viz:—

85 frame buildings,
6 cedar Water Tanks, capacity 12 000 gallons each,
1 Cedar Water Tank, capacity 2500 gallons,
7 Cooking Ranges,
1 Abbott & Co's Coal Scale,
1 Worthington Steam Pump,
1 very superior Steam Engine, 8 horse power, with shafting and belting in fine order; nearly new.
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