NOTES ON SCIENCE.

M. Renou, in a paper on rain, read before the M. Renou, in a paper on rain, read before the Paris Academy, says:—
In order that this phenomenou maybe developed in its full intensity, there must be two strata at least of clouds, the uppermost of which must be composed of cirri at a temperature of forty or uity degrees Centurade below zero, and the lower one consisting of cumulit which are cooledby the full oferystal of lee from the upper stratum. There should also be the highest possible temperature at the surface of the carth, a sible temperature at the surface of the earth, a much lower atmospheric pressure than in the neighboring regions, regular and horizontal cur-rents of air allowing of the atmosphere remain-ing for sufficient time in a state of unstable equilibrium, and, lastly, a rapid motion to re-store the balance of temperature and pressure by mixing together the different atmospheric strata. The distribution of rain on the surface of the slobe is regulated by the five following conditions; Temperature, moisture, barometric depression, variations of temperature, and constitution of the soil.

THE MOON'S SPRED.

M. Ch. Dufour, discussing the alleged secular acceleration of the moon, states the question whether the attractive force of the earth has always remained the same? He thinks there is a cause tending continually to increase the mass of our globe, viz.: the fall of the wroliths. It certainly does seem at first sight that these extraneous masses can add but little to that of the earth, even if it be admitted that the latter receives many more than we are aware of, there being no record of those which may have fallen into the sea, or in deserts, or underlyilled countries. civilized countries. But, on the other hand, M. Dufour contends, and not without reason, that a secular acceleration of twelve seconds is also exceedingly small, and only half of that amount has to be accounted for. He shows by calculation that in order to accelerate the moon's motion by seconds in the course of a century, the mass of the earth must be increased by one 144 400 000th, part a result which reby one 144,400,000th part, a result which requires an amount of 11,000 cubic kilometres of eroliths to fall in the course of a century, of 110 cubic kilometres per annum. But the whole of this is not necessary, because there must be a deduction made from the six seconds in regard to the action of the tides, so that the 110 cubic kilometres may dwindle to a much smaller AN ANCIENT CREATURE.

At a late sitting of the Paris Academy of Sciences, a letter was received from Mi de Baer, of St. Petersburg, announcing that a mammoth,

still covered with its skin and hair, had been discovered in the frozen soil of Arctic Siberia.

This discovery had been made in 1864 by a Samoyede in the environs of Taz Bay, the eastern branch of the Gult of Obl. The news only reached St. Petersburg towards the end of 1865; but as the bodies of large animals will keep a long while in those regions, if they are not completely uncovered, and as this mammoth was still enclosed in the frozen soil, the Academy of St. Petersburg has, with the aid of the Russian Government, sent M. Schmidt, a distinguished paleontologist, to examine the animal and its position in the locality. It is hoped M. Schmidt will arrive before the decomposition is too far advanced, and that a correct notion may be obtained of the outer appearance of the animal, and also, from the contents of the statements. of the stomach, of its natural food. The pre-historical figure of the mammoth drawn on a piece of ivory, found in a cavern of Perigord by M. Lartet, will then admit of verification.

DISSOLVING GOLD, O - LTC From a paper recently addressed to the Academy of Sciences by M. Nicktes, it appears that gold is soluble in the etherized perchlorides and perbromides. As the dissolution proceeds, and it does rather rapidly in the case of gold leaf, when the perbromide of manganese is employed, the green color of the latter becomes paler and paler, because the perbromide becomes a protopaler, because the perbromide becomes a proto-bromide, which is insoluble in ether; so that the experiment may be considered terminated as soon as the liquid has exchanged its green color for the yellow or red one peculiar to gold solu-tions. If the liquid does not contain any other fixed substances, it will, when evaporated, leave the gold strongly adhering to the glass tube in which the operation has been performed, so that the process may lead to a new method of gilding When heated with nitric acid, the gold will go off very easily. Sulphate of iron will precipitate the gold from the above solution. Many sesquichlorides and sesquibromides also dissolve gold; those, for instance, of manganese,

PERUVIAN BARK. At a late sitting of the Paris Academy of Sciences, M. Decaisne laid before that body a sample of seeds of the Cinchona officinalis, or Peruvian bark tree received from Dr. Hooker, Director of the Royal Gardens at Kew. These seeds were peculiarly interesting as having been produced by the trees grown at Ceylon through the care of the British Government. The production of these seeds is a proof of the complete success of this experiment of acclimatization, which may be considered one of the most remarkable in the annals of colonial agriculture. M. Decaisne remarked on the occasion, that great fears having long been entertained as to the probable failure of the supply of bark in consequence of the unreasonable greed of speculators, Holland and England had endeavored to obtain seeds of Cinchona, in order to sow them in Java and Ceylon, and at last, after much opposition from the local authorities in South America, succeeded in their object. Experiments show, in fact, that wherever the Peruvian bark tree has been planted, it has prospered; and chemical analysis has shown that the new stock, though grown in countries widely different from the original one, is quite as rich as the American in those valuable alkaloids which have rendered the tree an object of speculation.

SAXONY THE BATTLE-FIELD OF GERMANY .- The Paris Temps observes that for centuries past Saxony has been the battle-field of Germany. From the time of the Thirty Years' War to the last struggles under Napoleon I, including the Seven Years' War, that country has seen all the armies of Europe come into collision on its territory. The last visit of the Prussian soldiers to Dresden was in 1849, but on that occasion they were invited by the King of Saxony, who asked for their assistance to reconquer his capital from his revolted subjects. Dresden is almost within the grasp of Prussia, as the distance from Berlin the grasp of Prussia, as the distance from Berlin to the Saxon capital is but one hundred and twenty miles, and may be reached by railway in less than five hours. The Prussian frontier is only twenty miles from Dresden. Saxony is bordered by Prussia on the northeast and northwest, and by Austria (Bohemla) on the east and south. The Austrian transfer on Redechand south. The Austria (Bonesia) on the east and south. The Austrian frontier is at Bodenbach, forty miles from Dresden, whilst Prague, the nearest large town of Austria, is one hundred and twenty miles further. The King of Saxony, if he has terminated his armaments, may have a certain number of troops at his disposal, but the fact is evident that he is not in a position to detend his capital against a worker. detend his capital against a surprise by Prussia before the arrival of Austrian assistance. There is also reason to suppose that in such a case Prussia would not leave to Saxony sufficient time to receive aid.

—Gerome, the French artist, will contribute to the forthcoming Paris exhibition of pictures a painting representing Cleopatra infroducing herself to Ossar in his tent while he is writing despatches. Repeatedly denied access to "that cold-blooded Casar," she at last contrived to be rolled, nearly naked, in the folds of a carpet which the General was desirous of seeing at his tent. Thus she presents herself; he looks up from his work, not deeply moved.

—M. Schulz, court printer at Konigsberg, and director of the Gazette of Eastern Prussia, a semi-official organ, has been punished for an attack on the Prussian ministry. That journal expressed its regret at the war threatened between Prussia and Austria, as well as the proposals made by the Berlin Cabinet, which the writer declared would introduce the principles of Mazzini into Germany. The court sentenced him to a fine and five days' imprisonment.

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LANCES, HARNESS, SCRAP IRON, ETC. CHIEF QUARTERNASTER'S OFFICE,

DEFOT OF WASHINGTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., May 21, 1868

Will be sold at Public Auctrou, under the direction of Brevet Briendler-General C. H. Tompxins, Quartermasser, at LINCOLN DEFOT, Washington, D. C., on MONDAY, June 11 1868 at 10 o'clock A. M., a large lot of Ourstreamer's Supersonaut. ing of
490 Army Wagons,
250 Army Wagons with
Hay Kacks,
14 two-horse Wagons,
17 Spring Wagons,
4 Watering Carts,
43 Light Carts,
50 two-horse Ambu'ances,
1 Buggy,
Hayness,
Bianagts,

80,000 pounds old Horse
Shoes,
4000 pounds old Wagon
Tire,
700 Sash with Glass,
185 pounds Tallow,
Wagon and Ambulance,
Wagon and Ambulance,
Wagon Bianagts, a large lot or Quartermuster's Stores,

1 Buggy.
1084 single sets Harness,
472 Saddles,
21,570 pounds Scrap Chain
5000 pounds old Wagon
Axles,
Wheelbarg
Blanzels,
Buccets,
Chains,
Ha ters,
Wrenches, Axles,
285 rounds Coil Chain,
1602 pounds Lead Ppe,
165 pounds Scrap Tron,
2a77 pounds of Lead,
3500 pounds Scrap Steel,
17,000 pounds Scrap Steel,
Thomas Lead,
Thomas Lead, Anvils, Smitts' Bellows, Portable Forges,

17,000 pounds Scrap Kettles, Tongue Irons, 11,000 pounds Scrap Brake Irons, This property has been worn, but a large portion

of it is still serviceable,
the stores must be removed within five days from date of sale.

1erms—Cash, in Government funds.

D. H. RUCKER,

Breyet Major-Gen, and Chief Quartermister,

5 22 17t Depot of Wasnington.

A SSISTANT QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, No. 1139 GIRARD Succet.

Will be sold at Public Auction, on account of the United States, on the grounds at West Philadelphia, on SATURDAY, May 26, 1866, sale commencing at 10 o'clock A. M., precisely, the Buildings, etc., heretolore known as the Satterlee United States Hospital, viz. Bospital, viz :— 83 Frame Buildings.

2 Board Walks. 2 Cedar Water-Tanks, capacity 24 000 gallons each. do, do. do. 10.0 gallons.
do. do. 1300 gallons.
Iron Water-Tank, capacity 1,200 gallons.

1 Iron Water-Tank, capacity 1,200 gallons.

8 do. do. do. 900 gallons each
6 coking Ranges.
1 Abbott & Co.'s Coal-Scale.
1 Woodward Steam Pump.
1 Morris, lasker & Co's Seam-Pump, No. 1,
8 Horrizontal Tubnar Bollers
1 Upright Boiler, with iron chimney.
1 Fagstaff 112 feet high.
1 Lever Pump (J. West's patent).
2 wooden Wash-Iroughs.
9 Iron Hoppers.
12 cases Piecen-Holes and Book-Racks.
2520 feet Picket Fence.
45,500 Bricks, in chimney-stacks and ranges.
The Frame Buildings contain about:
640,889 feet Hemlock and White Pine Scantling.
184 047 feet Tongued and Worked Boards.
269,827 feet Flooring Boards.
840,000 feet Rough Boards.
6442 feet Shelving.

6442 feet Shelving. 99 feet Office Railing.

Also, 8 Sentry Boxes.
The buildings will be sold separately.
Terms of Sale: Cash, Government funds. A deposit of ten (10) per cent, to be paid on every accepted id; the balance to be paid immediately after the sale.

The iron and terra cotta pipes to be sold by the

The iron and terra cotta pipes to be sold by the foot, more or less as they he buried in the ground, to be dug up and the ground filled in by the purchaser, and by superficial measurement amount to 1868 feet of 4-inch cast-iron water pipe.

174 feet of 2 inch cast-iron water pipe.

651 feet of 2 inch gas tipe.

75 feet of 4-inch water pipe.

2256 feet of 10-inch terra cotta pipe.

Pans of the buildings can be obtained and schedule of the lots seen upon application at this office.

The buildings, &c., must be removed within thirty The bui dings, &c., must be removed within thirty (20) days from date of sale, and will be at the risk of

the purchasers.
The Market Street Passenger Railway cars pass near the Hospital every three (8) minutes. By order of Biev. Brig. Gen. GEO H CROSMAN, A. Q. M. G., U. S. A. GEORGE R. ORME, Capt, A. Q M.

SALEOF STEAM GRIST MILL

AT THE
CAVALRY DEFOI, GIESBORO, D. C.
QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
FIRST DIVISION,
WASHINGTON, D. C., April 17, 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 WEDNESDAY May 28, 1866, at 12 o'cleck M., the following described public proat 12 o'cleck M., the following described public property, to wit:—
ONE (1) STEAM GRINDING AND FEED MILL,
(frame, with massive granite foundations), 40 by 80 feet, with coal, hay, and engine houses attached, all constructed of the very best material, and in the most substantial manner.

Also, at the same time and place, the machinery and applicates of the mill, consisting of ONE (1) ENGINE. OF 100-HORSE POWER, with cylinder of twenty-two (22) inches diameter and twenty-iour (24) inches stroke, set upon a heavy cast-iron bed-plate, with cold and hot warer pumps and leafer and a cast-fron fly-wheel, with driving-pulley, of the same material, ten (10) feet in diameter and twenty-lour (24) inches face, with Judson's patent governor.

patent governor 1WO (2) BOILERS. OF 60-HORSE POWER made of the best boiler iron, five-sixteenths (5-16) of an irch in thickness, five (5) feet in diameter, and fourteen (14) feet five (5 inches in length; each tolier containing seventy-six (76) lap-welded flues, each three (8) and one-fourth (1) inches in diameter, with all the requisite appendages.

TEN 10) PAIRS OF REED'S PATENT BUCK-INGHAM THIRTY (30) INCHES SPRING MILLS.

MILLS, constructed of solid French burr millstone, and set in heavy, well-balanced frames, with hav-cutters, elevators, and conveyors sufficient to cut and handle the hay, grain, and prepared feed on the most economical and labor-saying plan.

The shalling of finished wrought iron, and the

nemical and labor-saving plan.

The shafting is of finished wrought from, and the pulleys of cast-iron, faced and balanced, with hangers and boxes, sufficient to drive ten (10) pairs of burract. The main driving belt is of four (4) ply rubber and twenty-four (24) inches wide. The belts for driving the mills, etc., are of the best oak-tanned, patent stretched leather.

The Engine, Boilers, Machinery, and Fixtures of every description, are of the very best materials and workmanship, and are still in excellent condition and fine working order, the mill having been in operation only about fitteen months.

If deemed advisable by the agent of the Government on the day of sale, the buildings will be sold ment on the day of sale, the buildings will be sold

separately.

Terms—Cash, in Government funds.

Purchasers will be required to remove their property before the first (let) day of July next, unless otherwise arranged with the owner of the grounds.

A boat for Giesboro will leave the Sixth street wharf every hour during the day of sale.

Any further information that may be desired will be given upon application, in person or by letter, to Captain GEORGE T. BROWNING, Assistant Quarticles, Clerker, and this office.

termaster, Giesboro, or to this office.

JAMES A. EKIN,
Brevet Brigadier-General, in charge 1st Division,
Quartermaster-General's Office.

4185w. ALE OF PUBLIC PROPERTY

Office of Army Clothing and Equipage, |
New York, May 17, 1866 |
Will be sold at Public Auction, at the Depot of
Army Clothing and Equipage, corner of LAIGHT
and WASHINGTON Streets, New York city, on
FRIDAY, June 1st next, commencing at 10 o'clock
A. M., as follows:—
20,000 Spades, new.
20,000 Pickayes, new.
20,000 Pickayes, new. 20,000 Pickaxes, new.
20,000 Pickaxes handles, new.
20,000 Pickaxe-Handles, new.
These goods are from the best manufacturers, and are in the original packages.
Samples of the above articles can be seen at the depot, and further information obtained.
Terms—Cash, in Government funds. Ten per cent. down, and the balance before the goods are taken from the depot, which must be within three days of sale, under to feiture of the goods and ten

days of sale, under to feiture of the goods and ten Brevet Brig.-General D H. VINTON, D, Q. M General U. S. A.

DEAFNESS, BLINDNESS, AND CATARRH treated with the utmost success by J. ISAAUS, M. D.. Cou ist and Aurist, No. 519 FINE Street. Testimonials from the most reliable sources in the city can be seen at his office. The Medical Faculty are silvited to accompany their patients, as be has no secrets in his practice. Artificial eyes inserted without pain No charge made for examination.

PROPOSALS.

COVERNMENT SALE OF MOLASSES. OFFICE DEPOT COMMISSARY OF SUBSISTENCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12, 1866.

Sealed Proposals, in duplicate, of the form furnished by the undersigness, will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock M. on THURSDAY, May 31, 1866, for the sale of about

14 500 GALLONS OF MOLASES.

(83 barrels averaging about 42 gations each, and
479 hair barrels averaging about 28 gations each.)
Froposals will not be received for less than three
(3) barrels or five (5) hair marrels.
All the packages have been regauged and recoopered; but, if desired by the purchaser, will be
resunged by a reliable inspector before their deinvery. It can be seen at the Sutsistence Storehouse, at Sixth street whart, Washington, D.
U., or samples will be found with the following
officers:— Brovet Brigadier-General H. F. CLARKE, A. C.

Brevet Brigadier-General H. F. CLARKE, A. C. G. S., U. S. A., New York city.
Brevet Brigadier-Gene at C. L. KILBURN, A. C. G. S., U. S. A., Philadelphia, Pa.
Brevet Brigadier-Gene at T. WILSON, V. S. and Brevet Lieut. Col., Captain and C. S., U. S. A., Baltimore, Md.
Or at this office.
Payment in Government funds, about fifty percent of which will be required on the acceptance of the bid, and the remainder before the delivery commences.

commences.

No bid received from parties who have failed to comply with their contracts.

Budders are requested to be present at the opening of their bids.

All purchases will be loaded at the Government whart in Washington, D. C., tree of expense.

The usual reservation by the Government in regard to bids will be observed.

Major and C. S., U. S. A. 5 lő tuth-6t GOVERNMENT SALE OF THE MILITARY TEXAS.

TEXAS.

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE.

WASHINGTON D. C., April 19, 1896.

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

Scaled 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, it o, and interest of the United States in and to the United States Miditary Rairoad from Brazos Santiago to White's Ranche, Texas.

of the United States in and to the United States.

Ranche, Iexas.

The sale will include the entire track and sidings, buildings, water stations, turn-tables, bridges, etc. the rairoad materials and supplies pertaining to the road, together with the robing stock, cars, machinery, and other equipment.

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

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

This route is the shortest and best for the immenso 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 Brownsyille.

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

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 M linuary 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 raies paid by Government at the time to the New York Central Rairoad.

The terms of payment accepted will be those considered the most favorable to the Govern-Ten per cent cash, in Government funds, to be

raid on acceptance el proposal.

The Government reserves the right to reject any The Government reserves the right to reject any or all proposals.
Froposals should be endorsed, "Proposals for purchase of Brazos Sanuago 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's ALEXANDER BLISS,
Brevet Colonel and A. Q. M., in charge of Fourth Division Q. M. G. O.

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DROPOSALS FOR FUEL.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE, U. S. MARINE CORPS, WASHINGTON, May 18, 1886 Sealed Proposa's will be received at this Office until THURSDAY, the 28th day of June. 1865, at 2 o'clock P. M., for supplying Wood and Coal to the United States Marines, at Philadelphia, Pa., during the fiscal year ending 30th of June, 1867, the Wood

the fiscal year ending 30th of June, 1867, the Wood to be good merchantable oak, and to be delivered, piled, measured, and inspected at such points within the walls of the Marine Barracks as may be designated by the commanding marine officer, free or expense to the United States.

The Coal to be best white ash anthracite Egg Coal, free from dust, and to weigh 2240 pounds to the ton, to be weighed, inspected, and delivered at such points within the walls of the Marine Barracks as may be designated by the commanding marine officer, free or expense to the United States, and both Wood and Coal to be furnished uson the quarterly requisition of the commanding officer, showing the quantities required, agreeably to regulations.

Payments will be made upon the receipt of accounts duly authenticated by said commanding officer. officer.

The right is reserved to reject all bids considered.

A guarantee, to be signed by two responsible persons, whose responsibility must be certified to by the United States District Judge, United States District Autorney, or United States Collector, must accompany each proposal, otherwise it will not be considered.
To be endorsed 'Proposals for Fuel,' and addressed to the undersigned.
WILLIAM B. SLACK,
Major and Quartermaster.

PROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL,
May 26, for the DIGGING and GRADING, also for
the MASON-WORK, required in the erection of the
Academy for the Sisters of Notre Dame. Rittenhouse
square. For plans apply to E. F. DURANG Architect,
No. 51 N. SIXTH Street, who reserves the right to
accept or reject any orall of the bids.

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DENTISTRY. THOUSANDS OF TEETH EXTRACTED THOUSANDS OF TEETH EXTRACTED without pain.—Patent applied for. My new invention, a Bouble Reversible Self-adjusting Safety Valved Inhaler for administering Nitrous Oxide Gas, and extracting testh without pain. The only mode that the Gas can be properly and safety administered. 521 8m Dr. C. L. MUNNS, No. 731 SPRUCE Street.

TSAIAH PRICE, DENTIST, GRADUATE OF Philadelphia College of Dental Surgery, class 1863-4, formerly or West Chester, Pa., baving served three years in the Army, has resumed the practice of his profession at No. 241 N. ELEVENTH Street. Philadelphia, when he will endeavor to give satismatory attention to all wiscomer require his professional services.

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