Reminiscences of Opera Singers. PASTA, MALIBRAN, SONTAG, JENNY LIND, LA-BLACHE, AND COSTA.

The author of 'The Queens of Song" is pubishing in London Society a series of pasers on he "London Opera Directors," abundantly spiced with personal anecdotes. The last number relates some of the incidents which attended the first appearance of Malibran and Sontag in London, in 1829. Pasta was then in the zenith of her glory, and looked askance upon these new lights; but they took the town by storm, and Pasia's struggles to retain the supremacy were in vain. The King's Theatre, at which Malibran and Sontag appeared, was managed by Messrs. Laugent and Laporte—the former an ex-director of the Italian opera in Paris, the latter a distinguished French actor. They offered Malibran seventy-five guineas for each performance; the offer was accepted, and her first appearance was in the character of "Desdamona." Of a quarrel and a reconciliation between Malibran and Sontag the writer

"Mademoiselle Sontag was regarded by the Parisians as the rival of Madame Pasta, of Madame Pisaroni, and of Madame Malibran. Nothing was neglected by the manager which will stimulate public expectation, prior to the could stimulate public expectation, prior to the arrival of the distinguished German soprano. Her beauty, her talents, her dramatic powers, her 'romantic history,' were dilated upon in ex-aggerated terms. A thousand and one anecdotes were circulated regarding her; Dukes and royal Princes, it was said, were dying of love for her, and lought duels with one another for the privilege of obtaining tickets to hear her sing; Paris, Berlin, and other great capitals were at her tert; diamond bracelets and the most costly gifts were offered to her by Emperors. The various devices put in action succeeded so well that the musical and fashionable world was thrown into a ferment, and on the night of her debut the front of the theatre was besieged by an immense crowd, which was not deterred in the attempt to glance at the fair songstress, even by the acutest torments of heat and crushing, and the loss of divers articles of wearing apparel. Before the A foolish rivalry had existed between Sontag and Malibran, one of those bitter animosities which disfigure the history of the opera. M. Fetis, who was then in London, brought about a reconciliation, all the more easily effected, as the two singers admired each other, and had nothing to do with originating the antagonism which had been lostered between them by partisans. M. Laporte took advantage of the newly cemented friendship to produce pieces in which they could sing together.

The London opera senson of 1830 was chiefly memorable for the appearance of Louis La-blache, M. Laporte, in the following season (1831), introduced Rubini, the king of tenors, and during the same season broughtout Michael

In 1832 the King's Theatre passed to the directorship of Monck Mason, by whom German opera, in its original form, was presented for he first time in London. The famous Schroder Devrient created an extraordinary sensation in the opera of Fidelio. The production of this work was an event which exercised a marked influence on the history of music in England. At the close of the season Mr. Mason brought out Robert le Diable, which was then turning the heads of the Farisians. To mount this piece cost the director six thousand pounds. The scenery, which was painted by the Messrs. Grieve, was exquisite, and exhibited some new and ingenious effects.

The composer came over for the purpose of superintending the production of the work, but so many delays and disseters occurred that the piece failed, and Mason withdrew, a ruined man. Laporte then resumed the directorship, and in two years the music of Bellini began to be popular, and Grisi was engaged to sing. In 1835, Lumley, a young solicitor, appeared as an assistant to Laporte, and in 1838 the name of the King's Theatre was altered by command to her Majesty's Theatre. With the season of 1842, Mr. Lumley became exclusive manager, and for twenty years held the most prominent place among the operatic directors. The writer con-

'To enter on a detailed chronicle of Mr. Lumley's management would be superfluous, as he has told his own story so recently and so minutely. He introduced to England for the first time many distinguished singers and dancers, and several new operas and ballets. Among the singers were Jenny Lind, and the Mesdames Tadolini, Frezzolini, Sophie Cruvelli, Parodi, Castellan, Caroline Duprez, Piccolomini, Tiet-jens, Gardoni, Calzolari, Fraschini, Ranconi, Beletti, Fornassari, Standigi, Giuglini, The principal dancers who appeared for the first time in England during his management were Rosati, Ferraris, Lucille Grahn, Marie Taglioni, Adele Dumlatre, Guy Stephan, Pocchini, and St. Leon, with numerous minor stars. He introduced, after their lengthened absence, Madame Soutag and the ethereal Taglioni. Mr. Lumley relied for success, in this season of 1847, on the coming of the 'Swedish Nightingale.' She did come, and created such an excitement that, although nearly twenty years have elapsed since the April night when her first notes were heard, the scene vividly remembered by those who had share in it, and those who simply knew by hearsay of the terrors of a 'Jenny Lind crush.'"

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per cent. Brevet Brig.-General D H. VINTON, 5 19 9t D. Q. M General U. S. A.

LEGAL NOTICES. IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY

AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of WILLIAM BROWN, deceased.

The Auditor appointed by the Court to audit, settle, and adjust the account of NAMUEL NORRAS Executor of the estate of WILLIAM BROWN, deceased, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested for the pulposes of his appointment, on MONDAY, May 28, 1866, at 2 o'clock P. M., at his Office, No. 402 WALNUT Street, in the city o' Philadelphia.

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IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE CITY
AND COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Estate of JACOB W. GOFF, deceased.
The Auditor appointed by the Court to andit settle, and adjust the account of EDWARD W. PAXSON, Administrator of the estate of JACOB W. GOFF, decease d, and to report distribution of the balance in the hands of the accountant, will meet the parties interested for the purposes of his appointment, on TUESDAY, May 29, 1866, at 2 o'clock F.M., at his Office, No. 402 WALNU'I Street, in the city of Philadelphia.

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PROPOSALS.

GOVERNMENT SALE OF MOLASSES. CIPICE DIFFOT CONNESSARY OF SUBMETERCE, WASHINGTON, D. C., May 12, 1896.

Scaled Proposals, in duplicate, of the form fursurable by the understance, will be received at this Office until 12 of cicock M. on THURSDAY, May 81, 1860, for the sale of about

14 500 GALLONS OF MOLA-SES.

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(83 barrers averaging about 42 galous each, and 479 bail barrers averaging about 42 galous each, and 479 bail barrers averaging about 23 galous each.)
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All the packages have been regaused and recoopered; but, if desired by the purchaser, will be resusged by a schable inspector before their delivery. It can be seen at the Suisistence Storehouse, at Sixth street whart, Washington, D. C., or samples will be found with the following officers:—

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

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

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

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

The usual reservation by the Government in regard.

to pids will be observed. Major and C. S., U. S A. 5.15 tuth: 6t GOVERNMENT SALE OF THE MILITARY RAILROAD AT BRAZOS SANTIAGO,

QUARTERMASTER-GENERAL'S OFFICE. Washington D. C., April 19, 1896 i The attention of capitalists seeking a profitable investment is invited to this sale. investment is invited to this sale.

Sealed Proposals will be received at the office of the Quartermister-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, tit e, and interest of the United States in and to the United States Military Railroad from Brazos Santiago to White's Kauche, Lexas, Ranche I exas.

The sele will include the entire track and sid-

and side will include the entire track and sidengs, buildings, water stations, turn-tables, bridges, etc. the railtoad materials and supplies perfaming to the road, together with the rolling stock, cars, machinery, and other equipment.

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

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This road is about ten mile- in length, and extends from Brizos Santiago to White's Rauche, on the Rio Grance From this point connection is made by steamer with Brownsville and Matamoras.

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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 The terms of payment accepted will be those considered the most favorable to the Govern-

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

The Government reserves the right to reject any Proposals 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, By order of the Court

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 DROPOSALS FOR FUEL.

QUARTERMASTER'S OFFICE,
U. S. MARINE CORPS,
WASHINGTON, May 18, 1866
Scaled Propora's will be received at this Office
until THURSDAY, the 28th day of June, 1868, at 2 o'clock P. M., for supplying Wood and Coal to the

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 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 authracite Egg Coal, free from dust, and to weigh 2240 pounds to the Jon, 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 regu attons.

Fayments will be made upon the receipt of accounts duly authenicated by said commanding officer.

The right is reserved to release all hids considered.

The right is reserved to reject all bids considered unreasonable.

A guarantee, to be signed by two responsible persons, whose responsibility must be certified to by the United States District Judge, United States District Autorasy, or United State 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.

DROPOSALS WILL BE RECEIVED UNTIL L. May 28, for the DIGGING and GRADING, also up 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. 52121\*

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