TUESDAY MORNING, JUNE 23, 1863.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

From Yesterday's Evening Gazette.

Interesting Letter from Mrs. Swissheim--Important to Ladies' Aid Societies.

The following extract from a letter written by Mrs. Swissheim, now in attendance at the hospitals at Washington, gives some important suggestions and directions in regard to providing for the wants of the sick and wounded soldiers, and will be read with interest by all who are engaged in the good work of ministering to the soldiers:

I have the committee of ladies distributing lemons in different hospitals, and discover that the best way is to give each patient a lemon and a few lumps of sugar. He then knows he has it, and if he should not use it just then, the Surgeon can direct the nurse to prepare it for him. He feels the attention as a pleasant assurance that he is remembered.

I do not like anonymous contributions. Going around with a bottle of wine, giving a spoonful where it was wanted, and saying to the recipients that it was nice, is not liked by Mrs. Seward, daughter-in-law of Secretary Seward, I found that the token of remembrance was as grateful as the wine.

The letters sent me I preserve and circulate as reading matter, and I find them very acceptable to the more intelligent patients.

My account of receipts is kept by Miss Mary A. Mason, a clerk in the Treasury Department, and I hope to receive the list in time to send with this; but I am tied here, and she resides at my boarding house, a mile distant. They have come to me direct a box of lemons from Schuyler Colfax, and $10 from Gerrit Smith. Lemons I find are subject to great loss from decay, and it will be better to send the money, and let me purchase here. I want tea--the very best green tea--and crushed sugar, native wine and brandy; have whisky enough, but want tobacco and pipes and cigars, and little pocket-mirrors. Then we want little pillows, stuffed tightly, some with feathers and some with hops--pillows four by six inches, in soft white muslin cases. Many are wanted of this and all sizes between this and a common pillow. Little cotton mats, thick as a bed-comforter, eight by twelve or fourteen inches, in soft covers, are very useful under the small of a man's back who is worn with wearisome days and nights of lying. We need flannel to roll around the chilled part of fractured limbs, and pieces of old are as good as new.

If Ladies' Aid Societies could hear the sick men fret over "this plaguy night-gown," they would put wristbands on every hospital shirt; if they could witness the wariness after changing, they would make them all just as our grandmothers made shirts, when every piece was torn or cut by the thread; when there was plenty of room around the shoulders, and a gusset eight inches square in every sleeve where it joins the body. Stitching a shirt open in front gives no aid in putting it on. If a patient can be raised up to put it around the back, it can be put over the head; then, if wide enough with gusset room under the sleeve to allow the elbow to come out square, there is no trouble in getting in the arms. If he cannot be raised, it should be open on the back to be tucked under his shoulders, but, above all, let them have wristbands and buttons. Of handkerchiefs and towels here will never be too many, and old stuff is better than new. Let them be clean and soft.

I write disconnectedly, perhaps, for my conscience is not quite at rest, as one poor fellow is waiting for "mother" to come and hold his knee after his stump is dressed. His foot was amputated at Falmouth, and so badly that part of the bone must rot off, as he is too weak to bear a second amputation. He is probably in an agony of tears just now, and thinks "mother" has forgotten him. Another wants the water grued, which no one but I can get just right. Then the poor fellow who has eaten nothing for two days, sick at heart with the agony of two wounded heels, wants his beef tea, and John Brown's feet is to be dressed that he may be got ready for mustering along. Send me tea, sugar, and kind letters, with real names to them, and God and my suffering sons will bless you.

JANE G. SWISSHELM.

P. S.--I get so many letters from women who want me to get them positions as clerks and nurses, and dear only knows what, and from men who want me to transact all manner of business, I cannot answer them, and have no power to serve them. I have no influence with any one manner of the Cabinet, and, if I had, would as lief steal the contributions sent me as use it for the benefit of any one but a wounded soldier. I would not take the time to go and see the President or one of the Secretaries, if I were sure that by so doing, I could get an appointment as Foreign Minister for myself or the best friend I have. I would not exchange my place here or neglect the duties it brings me for the wealth of the Astors, and will hunt places for nobody. J. G. S.

The Western University.

The commencement exercises of the Western University will take place on Tuesday evening, in the University building, beginning at eight o'clock. The literary performances will be as follows: "Science the Handmaid of Religion," John A. Wilson. "The Footsteps of Time," John Webb Little. "The War," Richard A. Williams. "Friendship," Dallas Sanders. "Hope," Robert S. Hill. "Unwritten History," John B. Wightman. "The Press," George W. Guthrie. "The Scholar's Hope," John H. McCandless. "Poetry," George I. Whitney. "Military Ambition," Thomas Marshall. "The Moral Sublime," Orlando M. Harper.

The exercises will be accompanied by appropriate music, and the occasion will be one of much interest to the friends and patrons of the institution

Owner Wanted for a Horse.

Officer Herman, of Allegheny, who arrested the deserter, Samuel Hood, and handed him into the custody of the Provost Marshal of the 23d District, prevailed upon him to state where he obtained the horse which he brought with him to this city. Hood at first declined to tell, but finally stated that he traded the cavalry horse to a farmer named Robertson, residing in Fayette county, for the one which he rode here. He admitted that his horse was very much exhausted, and could scarcely travel any further, and hence the story about *trading* is not believed. Officer Herman has possession of the horse, and will leave for Connellsville in a day or two to hunt up the owner. The horse belonged to the 14th Pennsylvania Cavalry, and was recruited at Beverly.

Mumford Again Victorious.

Mr. Jesse Mumford, the champion oarsman, shipped quietly away from his friends in this city, on Saturday evening, taking with him his favorite shell "Lucking," in which he won the championship of Lake Champlain. His object in so doing was to attend Regatta, which took place on that lake on Tuesday last. There were two races for single scull canoes, for a prize of $60. This was won by Mumford, as a matter of course. There was a double scull race, for a prize of $100. Mumford entered for this also, and won it. Mr. Charles Learyman, of New York, and they rowed. We learn that there was little or no betting on the result of these contests.

A Prompt Response.

HARRISBURG FALLS, PA., June 18, 1863.

Eds. Gazette: A young man of this place, just 18, hearing of Governor Curtin's call for volunteers, visited Col. O'Brien at New Castle, yesterday, and engaged to go with his regiment. He returned to the "Falls" at 2 p. m., procured some white unfinished cloth, had the same dyed blue, and his entire uniform made therefrom before he went to bed. He is now on his way, with his regiment, to your city, to assist in its defence. Could any of your energetic and patriotic young men have done more? Yours, &c., S. H.

LARCENY.--A German named Adam Hertzberger has been committed to jail by Mayor Alexander to answer a charge of stealing a watch, two pairs of pants, a hat, pair of shoes, and a pistol, from Peter Ullman, a resident of Troy Hill. Hertzberger sold a part of the stolen articles in the Allegheny market, and when arrested, he had the watch in his pocket, and had on one of the pairs of pantaloons. The pistol has not been found. The dressed hoarded on Liberty street, in the Fifth Ward.

CO. F, 134TH REGIMENT.--Captain Schwinn and Lieut. Bascom are meeting with very flattering success in recruiting this company. They are both excellent soldiers, and have had ample military experience for qualifying themselves fully for the duties of the field. Those desiring to enlist cannot place themselves under better commanders. A few more men will be received on application at headquarters, under Lyon's building, Fifth street.

A Street Sprinkler.

An enterprising gentleman has gotten up a sprinkling cart, to be used on Fifth and Wood streets during the dusty days of summer. The cart was made by Messrs. Phelps, Parke & Co., and will be in running order by the first of next week. It will be a complete affair, and the cost will be so trifling to each merchant or business man benefited, that the sprinkler is expected to become a popular institution. As the water used by the cart will be mostly saved through the street hose, (which will not be needed) it is presumed the city will not make any charge for the water. The enterprise is one which we hope to see succeed.

THE ATLANTIC MONTHLY FOR JULY.--This number of the *Atlantic* will not disappoint its readers, though we know they always have high expectations as to their favorite magazine, and any thing short of first-class merit will inevitably disappoint. It opens with an interesting and of course characteristic article by Dr. Holmes on photography, entitled "Doings of a Sunbeam." Then follows a quaint but beautiful legendary poem by Longfellow, "The Wraith of Odin." Next we have No. 2 of Gail Hamilton's "Gala Days;" "The Fleur-de-Lis at Fort Royal," by Francis Parkman; a poem by T. W. Parsons, entitled "Her Epitaph;" an article by Nathaniel Hawthorne, called "Outside Glimpses of English Poverty;" the conclusion of "Paul Blecker," by the author of "Life in the Iron Mills;" a poem by J. T. Trowbridge, "By the River;" "The Growth of Continents," by Professor Agassiz; "The Musician," a story by Miss L. P. Hale; "English Naval Power and English Colonies," by G. Reynolds; a sketch of Gen. Butler's rule in New Orleans, under the title of "Our General;" an elaborate though condensed paper by Robert Dale Owen on "The Claims to Labor and Service," and finally a variety of reviews and literary notices. The *Atlantic* is for sale by J. W. Pittock, opposite the Post-office.

KEEPING A FEROCIOUS DOG.--A man named Ackor, residing in the Second Ward, Allegheny, has been fined fifteen dollars and costs, by Mayor Alexander, for keeping a savage dog. The complaint was made by Thomas Elton, who alleged that he had been attacked by the dog three times by the aforesaid dog.

LATE TELEGRAPHIC NEWS.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION.]

REBEL REPORT FROM PORT HUDSON AND VICKSBURG.

SOLDIER SHOT FOR DESERTION.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

MURFREESBORO, June 21, 1863.

The Chattanooga *Rebel*, of the 19th, has the following:

Osyka, June 16.—A desperate fight occurred at Port Hudson on the 12th. The Confederates left their intrenchments and charged the enemy, driving them from their fortifications, and spiked their siege guns.

A citizen from New Orleans on Saturda afternoon reports that many regiments are arriving from Baton Rouge. The Federals are despondent, and say they cannot take Port Hudson by assault.

At New Orleans the river was low.

We have other cheering but contraband news.

The St. Charles is filled with the wounded brought from Port Hudson by boat-loads all night.

Summit, June 17.—A courier from Logan states that Logan dashed into Jackson, La., on Monday, and captured 130 Yankees of the 4th New York Cavalry and twenty negroes with their horses and arms. A Major and other officers are among the prisoners. Logan's is a Tennessee command.

Mobile, June 17.—A special dispatch to the Mobile *Tribune*, from Jackson on the 17th, says that a courier arrived at Brookhaven last night and reports the troops in fine spirits, and had repulsed the enemy twenty-seven times, and attacked him successfully. Aid is close at hand.

[SECOND DISPATCH.]

Jackson, June 17.—A courier from Port Hudson has arrived and states that the enemy was punished severely. His company was in front of a Zouave regiment and made a good mark for our boys, who took deliberate aim and killed and wounded immense numbers. He says that we have sixty days' rations. No fear is entertained. The garrison is determined to hold out to the last.

The Jackson *Mississippian*, of the 11th, states that on the previous Monday a body of Yankees visited the plantation of Jeff. Davis, and rifled it completely, destroying every implement of husbandry, all household and kitchen furniture, defacing the premises and carrying off every negro on the place. The plantation of Joe Davis, brother of the President, was treated in the same way, if we except four or five domestic servants which the robbers left.

All is quiet here.

David Blazer, of the 4th Indiana Battery, was shot for desertion at 11:50 a. m. to-day.

From Kentucky—The Rebels Routed near Big Creek Gap.

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

SOMERSET, Ky., June 21, 1863.

Nothing of importance is transpiring here since the affair of the 9th.

Three hundred and fifty dollars was realized by the Concert for the sick and wounded.

Numberless rumors concerning the forces and intentions of the rebels are coming in, but nothing materially definite from private dispatches.

Gilbert's front detachments of the 44th Ohio and 9th Ohio cavalry, attacked the enemy's pickets twelve miles north of Big Creek Gap, and drove them in, capturing several, and wounding one. After driving them six miles further, they came upon Scott's cavalry in position and with 12-pound howitzers, and attacked and routed them, capturing one prisoner and nine horses. The ground was strewn with guns, clothing and camp equipage. Our men followed to the fortifications at the Gap.

Col. Kantz commands our outposts at Montisello, and our advance is anxiously seeking Pegram who will not probably escape so easily if Kantz catches him again.

Latest Advices from Vicksburg.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Dispatches dated the 15th and 16th have been received from Vicksburg. The siege works are still progressing with vigor. Gen. Grant was still receiving reinforcements and the health of the troops continued excellent.

The whole loss of the United States forces for the week preceding the 16th was not more than twelve killed. The total number of killed and wounded did not exceed fifty.

Darien, Ga., Burned--Steamer Fet Captured--Vallandigham.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—Richmond papers of June 20th have been received. They say that the city of Darien, Ga., was burned by the Federals on the 11th inst.; and is now one plain of ashes and blackened chimneys. The Federals also captured the schooner "Pet," ready to sail for Nassau, with a cargo of cotton. Seven Federal iron clads were at Brunswick, Ga., on the 12th, and large forces had landed from transports.

Vallandigham has run the blockade from Wilmington. He is going to Nassau; thence to Canada.

The Reported Battle at Centreville Without Foundation.

WASHINGTON, June 21.—The report of a battle at Centreville between the federal army and the rebel forces is without any foundation in truth, whatever. There is believed to be no infantry force of the enemy this side of the Ball Run mountains.

THE INVASION OF PENNSYLVANIA.

Passage of 7,000 Rebels through Greencastle.

20,000 Rebels Reported at Williamsport, Md.

JENKINS ADVANCING ON GETTYSBURG.

BATTLE EXPECTED ON TUESDAY.

HARRISBURG, June 21.—A special to the New York *Herald* says: Jenkins passed through Greencastle last evening, with 7,000 mounted infantry. He had ambulances and three or four days' rations.

The rebels are reported to have sixteen pieces of artillery and with them a large force. They occupy the south bank of the Potomac, from Cumberland to Harper's Ferry, and Rhodes has 20,000 men at Williamsport.

The opinion in official circles at Harrisburg is that the rebels have serious designs upon Baltimore, and that they entertain fears for the safety of that city.

One rumor is that the rebels are 40,000 strong between Williamsport and Hagerstown.

A force of 300 rebel cavalry have fired Mercersburg in several places.

CHAMBERSBURG, PA., June 21.—If the rebels remain where they are, you may expect a fight on Tuesday. To-night they are picketing the road a short distance this side of Greencastle.

The rebels have seized about 2000 horses. They are reported near Waynesburg and Gettysburg.

Jenkins left Greencastle to-night with eight days' eating, on a foraging expedition.

The feeling throughout the valley continues excellent.

THE INVASION OF MARYLAND.

Great Excitement at Baltimore.

APPREHENDED ATTACK ON THE CITY.

Crossing of 25,000 Rebels at Antietam Ford.

HEAVY FIRING HEARD IN THE DIRECTION OF HARPER'S FERRY.

&c., &c., &c.

BALTIMORE, June 21—Noon.—The rebels made their appearance at 3 o'clock last evening, and about 7 o'clock a small body of cavalry reached the Monocacy bridge, four miles this side of Frederick. The rebels paroled the sick in the hospitals and the government employees. They searched the stables for horses, and seized all marked U. S.

A large force of rebel infantry and cavalry crossed at Antietam ford during yesterday. Refugees exagerate the number to be about 40,000 or 50,000, but our scouts say they only number about 25,000.

The operators at Monocacy bridge, as soon as the rebels appeared, came down to Baltimore by hand-car, travelling the entire distance (40 miles) in seven hours. These operators are young lads, named E. Fulton and Gosnell, and stood their ground to the last moment, and only left when the rebels were in sight. They former brought away all the important dispatches that were in the office.

A railroad conductor and several government employees also came down on the hand car.

At plane No. 4, heavy firing could be heard this morning in the direction of Harper's Ferry.

As a matter of precaution against a raid, or other hostile demonstration on this city, a line of rifle pits is being dug, which will permit a much more superior burning Oil, like Petroleum, to remain at anything under 2s per gallon." But Paraffin Oil has averaged 2s 6d and 3s during the last six months of the last ten years; and if facts are to be the basis of prediction, and value accompany merit, Petroleum ought to see much higher rates than these, between this and Christmas-day next. By the last advices to hand from New York, the Quickstep, is the only vessel loaded for the Liverpool market—the very month that a whole fleet should be preparing for European ports for the commencing 20th June (longest day) next.

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Receipts—about 1500 casks sold, during the past month, at 1s 6d to 1s 3d, and even 1s for very foul. The want of demand is inexplicable.

Lubricating Oil—Our progress is limited for the want of the proper supplies.

Toledo Market.

JUNE 19—Flour—Market dull; no transactions reported. Wheat—Parties apart since N Y report; the only transactions reported are 1,000 bush amber Mich at 141c; 670 bush No 2 Red at 137c; 2,000 bus No 1 Red at 135c. Buyers will not pay over 125c for No 2 Red this P M. Corn—There have been no sales of this grain for the past two days. To-day buyers offered 54c for No 1 mixed. Oats—Small sales at 62½c. Rye—Unchanged; last sales at 85c—Blade.

Imports by Railroad.

PITTSBURGH, FT. WAYNE & CHICAGO RAILROAD, JUNE 22—138 bgs corn, 1 car do, D & H Wallace; 100 bbls flour, Graham & Thomas; 3 cars corn, Hitchcock, McCreary & co; 58 bbls carbon oil, J Gaughay; 10 bbls flour, 30 box cheese, Stoeffer & Tindle; 15 six bags, E H Godfrey; 23 do do, Markle & co; 100 bbls whisky, Wm Carr & co; 50 do do, F Lynch; 22 bgs meal, Ise & Kell; 50 bbls pork, F Sellers & co; 52 bbls whisky, Lambert & Shipton; 63 bbls flour, Jones & Laughlins.

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COMMERCIAL RECORD.

PITTSBURGH MARKETS

OFFICE OF THE PITTSBURGH DAILY GAZETTE, MONDAY, June 22, 1863.

Business continues quiet and inactive, the great majority of our business houses being entirely closed, and quite a number of our merchants are engaged on the fortifications. There is nothing of any importance doing in the produce market, and prices, generally, are without change. A sale of 2 cars Red wheat was reported at $1,25.

There is but little doing in Petroleum, though the market is firm at our last quotations. Buyers are offering 16 for Crude packages returned, while holders ask from 16½ to 17c. Refined in bond is firm at 40c, holders generally asking 41@42c for good standard brands.

New York Petroleum Market

Special Dispatch to the Pittsburgh Gazette.

NEW YORK, June 22—Evening.—The market for Crude is dull at 15½@16c, and Refined, in bond, is dull and prices are altogether nominal at 45@46½c, on the spot; 50c for July delivery; 52c for August, and 53c for September. Refined, free, is nominal at 54@55c. Naptha is dull at 24½@25c. C.

Contracts for Army Supplies Awarded

Commissary Glow yesterday awarded contracts for army supplies to the following parties for the articles below named:

MILLER & RICKETSON.

150 bbls Mess Pork at $15 per bbl.
28,000 pounds Clear Sides at 7¾c per lb.
250 bush Navy Beans at $5.50 per bush.
10,000 lbs Rice, at 9½c per pound.
5,000 lbs Rio Coffee, Roasted and Ground, at 44c.
10,000 lbs New Orleans Sugar, 13¾c per lb.
1,000 galls Older Vinegar, 17c per gal.
1,250 lbs Adamantine Candles, 22c per lb.
6,000 lbs Soda Soap, 3½c per lb.
62 bush Salt, 75c per bush.
700 bush Potatoes, at $1,20 per bush.

HUGH RICHARDSON.

56,000 lbs Fresh Beef, necks and shanks excluded, at $10 per cwt.

There were three or for bids for Beef, while for the other articles, Messrs. Miller & Ricketson, were the only bidders.

Weekly Review of the New York Petroleum Market.

[Reported Expressly for the Pittsburgh Gazette.]

NEW YORK, June 20, 1863.

The altogether unexpected and imposing demonstrations on the part of the Confederate army under Gen. Lee—which created the impression that a raid on the cities of Pennsylvania, which were accessible to the rebel cavalry were to be sacked—and that Pittsburgh would in all probability receive one of the first visitations, and that by consequence the receipts of Petroleum at this port, would in all probability, soon fall off materially—excited the market during the earlier part of the week, and rendered holders decidedly firmer in their views. Meanwhile, the European advices per Scotia, proved to be of a favorable tenor, in view of which there prevailed a tolerably active demand, and an advance of 1 to 3 cents per gallon was established on nearly all brands, both for home consumption and export delivery. Within the past few days, however, fears in regard to the interruption of communication by the rebels, having in a great measure become dissipated, there has been much relaxation in buoyancy to the market, and holders have been compelled to grant a slight concession from the extreme rates demanded during the earlier part of the week. The transactions for the week have been fair, though not very heavy. The aggregate sales, including all kinds are about 55,000 bbls, besides about 20,000 gallons in line—of which 4,000 bbls Crude, at 26½@27 cents, on the spot, and to arrive, but chiefly at 27@28c; 40,000 bbls Refined in bond at 43@48 cents, but chiefly at 45@47 cents on the spot and for future delivery; 5,500 bbls free at 56@56c cents, but chiefly at 52@56c cents, and 1500 bbls Naptha at 31@33 cents for Crude. To-day, the market is very quiet, not to say dull, and the sales are almost nothing. The nominal quotations are of 27@27½ cents for Crude, 53@54½c for Refined in bond, and about 55 for free, which is scarce and held with much firmness. Sales of free have been reported by one of the most "reliable" dealers at 50 cents, but inasmuch as it has been freely offered at 55 cents, the trade are all taken aback, and do not know what to make of it. The general impression is that there is a "catch" somewhere. Naptha is nominal at 25@26 cents. C.

Alex S. Macrae's Petroleum Circular, 3rd June, 1863.

Remarks.—It is generally asserted, that bad Petroleum been in any other hands than those of Liverpool merchants, a very different and doleful state of affairs would have been chronicled. In place of that to be read below. Americans, and American advices seeing to this country, have over and over again assured us that we were to be deluged with this product; in return for which they have never had the question of "supply" thrown down to them, and the result—performances as empty as their promises. Exporters, consumers, speculators, all in their turn have combined to intimidate importers and holders into hasty sales, and unprecedented forward contracts; but the united conviction of past experience and careful inquiry has demonstrated to the latter, "that if the Parrs Bank and Patent Paraffine Oil, in its 'ten years' career, was never known to be under 2s 3d per gallon, surely the circumstances must indeed be exceptional and temporary, which could permit a much more superior burning Oil, like Petroleum, to remain at anything under 2s per gallon." But Paraffin Oil has averaged 2s 6d and 3s during the last six months of the last ten years; and if facts are to be the basis of prediction, and value accompany merit, Petroleum ought to see much higher rates than these, between this and Christmas-day next. By the last advices to hand from New York, the Quickstep, is the only vessel loaded for the Liverpool market—the very month that a whole fleet should be preparing for European ports for the commencing 20th June (longest day) next.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT,
BUREAU OF YARDS AND DOCKS, June 11, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS for each class separately, in one of "Proposals for Class —s (name the class) for the navy yard at (name the yard)" will be received at this office until noon on the 23d day of July next, for furnishing, and delivering at the several navy yards named the materials and articles embraced in printed schedules which will be furnished on application and sent by mail, if so requested, to persons desiring to offer to contract for any or all of the classes named therein, by the commandants of the several navy yards, for the classes for the yards under their command, or by the navy agent nearest thereto, or by the bureau for any or all of the yards.

To prevent confusion and mistakes in sealing the offers, no bid will be received which contains classes for more than one yard in one envelope; and each individual offering must sign the bid and contract.

Bidders are hereby cautioned and particularly notified that their offers must be in the form hereinafter prescribed; and be mailed in time to reach their destination before the time expires for receiving them; *no bid will be considered which shall be received after the period stated, and no allowance will be made for failures of the mail.*

To guard against offers being opened before the time appointed, bidders are requested to endorse on the envelope, above the address, and draw a line under the endorsement, thus:

"Proposals for Class No. (name the class) for the Navy Yard at (name the yard)."

To the Chief of the Bureau of Yards and Docks, Washington, D. C.

Form of Offer.

(Here date the offer.)

The undersigned, (here insert the name or names of the person who bid,) of (insert the State,) in the State of (name the State,) hereby offer to furnish under your advertisement dated (date of advertisement,) and subject to all the requirements of the same, and of the printed schedule to which it refers, all the articles embraced in Class No. (name the class or classes) for the navy yard at (name the yard) according to said schedule, at the rates set in the printed class from the schedule, and opposite each article at the price and carry out the amount in the columns for dollars and cents and foot up the aggregate amount of the bid for the class,) amounting to (here write the amount in words.)

I hould my (or our) offer be accepted, I (or we) request the contract may be prepared and sent to the navy agent at (name the agency,) for my signature and certificate. And I (or we) hereby declare that the above offer is made in strict conformity in every particular with the law approved March 3d, 1863, section 24, herein quoted:

EXTRACTS FROM LAWS OF THE UNITED STATES.

SEC. 16. *And be it further enacted*, That no contract or order, or any interest therein shall be transferred by the party or parties to whom such contract or order may be given to any other party or parties, and that any such transfer shall cause the annulment of the contract or order transferred, so far as the United States are concerned; *Provided*, That all rights of action are hereby reserved to the United States for any breach of such contract by the contracting party or parties.

SEC. 17. *And be it further enacted*, That whenever any contractor for subsistence, clothing, army, or munition, munitions of war, and for every description of supplies for the Army or Navy of the United States shall be found guilty by a court martial of fraud or wilful neglect of duty, he shall be punished by fine, imprisonment, or such other punishment as the court martial shall adjudge; and any person who shall contract to furnish supplies of any kind or description for the Army or Navy, he shall be deemed and taken as a part of the land or naval forces of the United States for which he shall contract to furnish said supplies, and be subject to the rules and regulations for the government of the land and naval forces of the United States. Approved July 17, 1862.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted*, That the chief of any bureau of the Navy Department, in contracting for naval supplies, shall be at liberty to reject the offer of any person who, as principal or surety, has been a defaulter in any previous contract with the Navy Department; nor shall parties who have failed as principals or sureties in any former contract be received as sureties on other contracts; nor shall the copartners of any firm be received as sureties for such firm or for each other; nor, in contracts with the same bureau, shall one contractor be received as surety for another; and every contract shall require the delivery of a specified quantity, and no bids having nominal or fictitious prices shall be considered. That if more than one bid be offered by any one party, by or in the name of his or their clerks or agents or other person, all such bids may be rejected; and no person shall be received as a contractor who is not a bona fide manufacturer of, or regular dealer in the articles which he offers to supply, who has not a license as such manufacturer or dealer, and all persons offering bids shall have the right to be present when the bids are opened and inspect the same.

Approved March 3d, 1863.

(Here the bidder or bidders and each member of the firm to sign.)

Form of Guarantee.

The undersigned, (name of guarantor,) of (name the town,) and state of (name the State,) and (name of second guarantor, &c.,) hereby understand that the above named (name the bidder or bidders,) will, if his (or their) offer as above be accepted, enter into contract with the United States, within ten days after the date of notice, through the post office, of the acceptance of his (or their) offer before mentioned. And we hereby declare that neither of us have been defaulters in any contract previously made with the Navy Department.

Witness, (Signatures of guarantors.)

I certify that the above named (here name the guarantors,) are known to me to be good and responsible guarantors in this case, and that the above declarations of the guarantors to this offer are, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true and reliable.

(Signature.)

To be signed by the District Judge, District Attorney, Collector, Navy Agent, or some person known to be a bar to be responsible.

The schedule will state the times within which articles will be required to be delivered; and where the printed schedule is not used, the parties bidding to fit for deliveries must be copied in the bids. All the articles which may be contracted for must be delivered at such place or places, including drayage and cartage to the place where used within the navy yards, respectively, for which the offer is made, as may be directed by the commanding officer of the yard, and all other things being equal, preference will be given to American manufactures. No article will be received after the expiration of the period specified in the schedules for the completion of deliveries, unless specially authorized by the Department. In computing the classes, the prices stated in the column of prices will be the standard, and the aggregate of the class will be carried out according to the prices stated.

All the articles under the contract must be of the best quality, delivered in good order, free of all and every charges or expenses to the Government for delivery, and subject to the inspection, count, weight, or measurement of the said navy yard, and be in all respects satisfactory to the commandant thereof. Bidders are referred to the yard for plans, specifications or samples, and any further descriptions of the articles or explanations they may desire. No bidders shall be in doubt as to the precise articles named in the schedule, they will apply to the commanding officer of the navy yard and to no employee for description of the articles in doubt, which description the said officer will give in writing.

Approved security, in the full amount of the contract will be required, and twenty per centum as additional security deducted from each payment until the contract shall have been completed or cancelled, unless otherwise authorized by the Department, and eighty per centum of the amount of all deliveries as they are made will be paid by the navy agent at or within ten days after warrants for the same shall have been passed by the Secretary of the Treasury.

No part of the per centum reserved is to be paid until all the rejected articles offered under the contract shall have been removed from the yard, unless specially authorized by the Department.

It will be stipulated in the contract that if default shall be made by the parties of the first part in delivering all or any of the articles mentioned in any class bid for, of the quality and at the times and places above provided, then and in that case the said parties will forfeit and pay to the United States a sum of money not to exceed twice the amount of such class; which may be recovered, from time to time, according to the act of Congress in that case provided, approved March 3, 1843.

The certificate must sign the contract, and their responsibility be certified to by a navy agent, collector, district attorney, clerk of the District Court, or some other person satisfactorily known to the bureau.

It is to be provided in the contract that the bureau shall have the power, of annulling the contract, without loss or damage to the Government, in case Congress shall not have made sufficient appropriations for the articles named, or for the completion of works estimated for, and on which this advertisement is based.

Persons whose offers shall be accepted will be notified by letter through the post office, which notice shall be considered sufficient; and if they do not enter into contract for the supplies specified within ten days from the date of notice from the bureau of the acceptance of their bid, a contract will be made with some other person or persons, and the guarantors of such defaulting bidders will be held responsible for all delinquencies.

All offers not made in *strict conformity* with this advertisement will, at the option of the bureau, be rejected.

Those only whose offers may be accepted will be notified, and contracts will be ready for execution as soon thereafter as may be practicable.

PORTSMOUTH, N. H.

Class No. 1, Bricks; class No. 2, Stone; class No. 4, Yellow pine lumber; class No. 5, Oak and hard wood; class No. 6, White pine, spruce, juniper and cypress; class No. 7, Lime, hair and plaster; class No. 8, Cement; class No. 9, Gravel and sand; class No. 11, Iron, iron nails and spikes; class No. 12, Steel; class No. 13, Pig iron; class No. 14, Files; class No. 15, Paints, oils and glass; class No. 16, Ship Chandlery; class No. 17, Hardware; class No. 18, Stationery; class No. 20, Hay and Straw; class No. 21, Provender; class No. 22, Charcoal; class No. 24, Sperm and lubricating oils; class No. 25, Iron work, piping, &c.; class No. 26, Augurs; class No. 27, Anthracite coal; class No. 30, Semi-Bituminous Broad Top coal; class No. 31, Copper and composition nails; class A, Hose carriage; class B, Officers' house; class C, Foundry.

FOR ORDNANCE.

Class D, White pine, &c.; class E, Limestone; class F, Pig iron; class G, Sand for casting shells; class H, Rubber; class I, Flax, canvas and twine; class J, Copper; class K, Leather; class L, Wrought iron tubing; class M, Files; class N, Brass and iron screws; class O, Iron--round, flat and square; class P, Paints, oils, &c.; class Q, Drums; class R, Hardware; class S, Tin; class T, Ship Chandlery; class U, Stationery.

PHILADELPHIA.

Class No. 1, Bricks; class No. 2, Stone; class No. 5, Oak and hard wood; class No. 6, White pine, spruce, juniper and cypress; class No. 7, Lime, hair and plaster; class No. 8, Cement; class No. 9, Gravel and sand; class No. 11, Iron, iron nails and spikes; class No. 12, Steel; class No. 13, Pig iron; class No. 14, Files; class No. 15, Paints, oils and glass; class No. 16, Ship Chandlery; class No. 17, Hardware; class No. 18, Stationery; class No. 20, Hay and Straw; class No. 21, Provender; class No. 22, Charcoal; class No. 24, Sperm and lubricating oils; class No. 25, Iron work, piping, &c.; class No. 26, Augurs; class No. 27, Anthracite coal; class No. 30, Semi-Bituminous Broad Top coal; class No. 31, Copper and composition nails; class A, Hose carriage; class B, Officers' house; class C, Foundry.

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