Pittsburgh Gazette.

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EDITORS AND PROPRIETORS.

TUESDAY MORNING.....DEC. 22, 1863.

CORRESPONDENCE WITH MEMBERS OF CONGRESS.—We are requested to state that the impression which so generally prevails, that mail matter addressed to members of Congress must be prepaid, is erroneous. We have received a letter from a member of Congress stating that his correspondents generally act in conformity with this erroneous impression, and that he had even received an apologetic letter from a intelligent gentleman for a supposed default in the matter of prepayment.

The Three Hundred Dollar Clause.

In our remarks, a day or two ago, on the objections which have been urged by many against the three hundred dollar exemption clause in the Enrollment Act, we referred to the report of Provost Marshal General Fry, to show that it had actually released from military service only about *one-tenth of the number of men drafted*, while it created a fund of $10,788,000, which, though it could not secure an equal number of substitutes in the Northern States, could certainly put man for man in the field, by using it to enlist "*persons*" (formerly) "*held to service*," in the Southern States—and in the Border States of Missouri, Maryland and Delaware, now hasting to be Free. But in this admission, that it would not put man for man of the hitherto more approved military color in the field, there was probably a gratuitous concession to the opponents of the clause:—as to which concession it may be proper to make a few observations.

It is to be borne in mind, that, for the most part, when a man's name was drawn, if he had made up his mind that the claims of his business or his family rendered it inexpedient for him to go into the army, he did not subject himself to a surgical examination, to learn whether he would be exempt on some one of the numerous grounds of exemption, but paid his three hundred dollars and took his certificate—asking and being asked no questions touching the latent possibilities of a cheaper kind of exemption, by an exposure of physical disqualifications. It is not improbable, therefore, that the Government realized a fund representing $400 to $500 for every person really fitted for military service, and exempted by the hap-hazard payment of the fixed commutation price of $300.

But be this as it may, unless the somewhat inconsiderate and impulsive ardor of our military patriots, who argue for the repeal of the commutation clause, because it appears to be one of the meshes in the net through which too many, as they think, escape military service, shall lead them to such legislation as would inevitably tend to subvert the very foundations of our prosperity, by withdrawing skilled laborers from the various pursuits which it is as essential to maintain in full activity and productiveness as it is to maintain the Army, the Navy or the Government itself. What is it that has enabled the Northern States to sustain this great and costly war for three years with so great ease—nay, apparently, with increased and increasing prosperity, extending itself far and wide through all classes of the population?—what is it, if it is not the army of skilled laborers that daily wield the victorious weapons of industry in the workshops and in the fields—providing for and sustaining *that other army*, which has gone forth to encounter and subdue the public enemy?

But we are saved the trouble of stating in further detail the grounds of our objections to the repeal of the wise provision for exempting those who, for the general interest and well-being of all classes, ought to be exempted, by finding the following excellent remarks on the subject in the New York *Evening Post*, of Saturday:

Concerning the three hundred dollar exemption clause there is much difference of opinion; we still hold the belief, after considerable inquiry, that it should be retained. There is no doubt that it is a boon to the large middle class of industrious mechanics and farmers, who, just beginning life, with families of young children dependent upon them, cannot, in many cases, serve under arms without serious distress to those whom they leave unprovided for at home. Almost every one of this class whose presence at home is really necessary to his family, can raise the sum of three hundred dollars to secure his exemption. But repeal this clause, and force every man to go or procure a substitute, and these men become at once the prey of sharpers and brokers, or are compelled, at every sacrifice, to serve in person. Now this class, which mainly carries on the varied industry of the free States and creates their prosperity, deserves the most careful consideration at the hands of legislators.

The question to be settled is, whether the government shall engage, for a stated sum, to procure substitutes, or whether it shall throw this burden upon those who are drafted. Now if it were difficult or impossible for the government to procure men for the sums it receives under the exemption clause, then it might be urged that this should be done by those persons upon whom the draft falls. But it so happens that there is little or no trouble upon this point. We suggested, some time ago, that some of the States which find it hard to fill their quotas should apply to the general government for permission to recruit among the freedmen in the southern States. It is amongst these that the Provost-Marshal-General can easily get substitutes for those who pay the exemption fee. We speak now of the blacks in the States over which the Proclamation extends, but the Secretary of War has done already more than this; he has recruited among the blacks in Maryland and Missouri; and for the three hundred dollars paid by a northern mechanic or farmer—whose industry remains a permanent benefit to the country—he has secured to the country at once a soldier and a free man. Thus a double or treble gain accrues to the country; the industry of the free States is less disturbed, the great middle slave States are helped along towards freedom and prosperity and are thrown open to the free working men, and a soldier is still gained to the army.

Moreover, experience has shown that the characters who offer themselves in the North as substitutes are the lowest and vilest of the population. They cheat those who engage them; cheat the government by running away when they can; and are a villainous element, not fit to form a part of our armies.

[illegible] we hold that the three hundred dollar exemption clause should be retained in the law.

But, after all, it remains to be said that volunteering is not to be neglected for the sake of the draft, and while Congress does well to make the enrollment act as perfect as possible, it will be well also, at the same time, to devise ways by which volunteering shall be encouraged, both by the re-enlistment of the veteran troops now in the field, and by inducing fresh recruits to enter the service. We hope this matter will receive the immediate attention of both Houses. They can, in particular, offer inducements and rewards to the troops now under arms to re-enlist. This is already going on to an extent which proves that, with proper and wise management, the greater part of our present armies can be retained. But immediate action is needed; delays will lose us many valuable men. Let a rule be made covering all cases, and granting certain indulgences and gratuities, such as the troops demand, and we have no doubt that our armies in the spring will be what the nation desires.

The New National Currency—Preparations for the Issue—Description of the Notes.

The first notes of the new national currency authorized by Congress in the beginning of the present year will be issued in a few days. Some of them have already been sent to Washington to receive the government impress. The considerable time which has elapsed since the passage of the act has been employed in completing the designs and perfecting the notes.

No official statements in relation to this currency have yet been made by the Treasury Department, but the five dollar and ten dollar notes, which are respectively in the hands of the Continental and American Bank Note Companies of this city, and some unfinished dies for the notes of higher denominations, sufficiently indicate the nature of the designs.

THE PLAN OF THE NOTES.

The plan of the notes is novel, and singularly beautiful. The prominent heads and figures which distinguish so many of the bank bills now in use are entirely omitted from these notes; the figures denoting value are small; and the borders are neatly and carefully engraved with combinations and wreaths. The ordinary distinction between the "face" and "back" of bank notes has in this case been so nearly destroyed that the designations "obverse" and "reverse" have taken the place of those terms in the nomenclature adopted by the department. The idea underlying the system upon which will be carried through the series of $5, $10, $20, $50, $100, $500 and $1,000, is that of representing in the vignettes on the face of the notes the leading events in the history of our country, with corresponding allegorical pieces of pleasing effect, and generally of patriotic suggestion. Covering nearly half the space on the back of the notes there are engravings of celebrated pictures, illustrative of American history, from "The Landing of Columbus," which decorates the five dollar note, to the events of the revolution, while "The Battle of Lake Erie" is one of the vignettes of the one hundred dollar denomination. It may be inferred, but it is by no means certain, that the illustrations on the five hundred dollar and the thousand dollar notes, which it is understood are not yet in the hands of the engraver, unless in the department at Washington, are to commemorate the progress and collapse of the rebellion.

Below will be found brief descriptions of the notes nearly finished, with some account of the others. There are two vignettes on the face of each note, which is entirely printed in black, and besides the principal piece on the back are the national arms and those of the state where the bank is situated, which, with the border, are printed in green.

THE FIVE DOLLAR NOTE.

The vignette at the left hand lower corner represents Columbus discovering the land. Columbus is in the foreground, on the deck of his vessel, while near him, leaning over the side of the vessel, is a figure turning towards him, as if in consultation. Another figure is represented grasping a crucifix; the face is turned heavenward. In the background is a group of which the principal figure is a priest.

On the other end of the note is an allegorical piece representing Columbus introducing America to the old World. The design of this piece is happily conceived and rendered. The figure of America is that of a young girl. Europe, Asia and Africa are represented by corresponding figures. Europe is in the foreground, with her right hand on her head, and the sable figure of Africa is standing further back. There is also a distant view of shipping and the ocean.

The back of the note is ornamented with a finely executed engraving of the Landing of Columbus, from the painting by Vanderlyn in the rotunda of the Capitol at Washington. The appearance of the representation on the note is greatly superior to that of the original, the drawing having been improved by Casilear and other artists. The ends, of elaborate scroll and lathe work, include at the right, in an oval an inch long and inch and a half, the national eagle and shield, with "U. S." in cipher on the sky in the background. The corresponding oval at the other end of the note will contain the coat of arms of the State, as already described. The name of the State will appear in the sky in the background.

The legend on the face of the note is as follows:

NATIONAL CURRENCY.
This note is receivable for Bonds of THE UNITED STATES,
Deposited
With the United States Treasurer at Washington.
L. E. CHITTENDEN, Register of the Treasury. F. E. BRENNER, Treasurer U. S.
[Here will be inserted the name of the place where the bank is situated.]
WILL PAY THE BEARER ON DEMAND
FIVE DOLLARS.
[Place of the date.]

These words are so much crowded on the note and the letters are so black, that the beauty of the engraving is less displayed than it otherwise would be.

The places for the signatures of the President and Cashier are next the lower margin, and near the vignettes.

The following is that part of the inscription on the back which describes the uses of the note:

This note is receivable at par in all parts of the United States in payment of all taxes and excises and all other dues to the United States, except duties on imports, and also for all salaries and other debts and demands owing by the United States to individuals, corporations and associations within the United States, except interest on public debt.

TEN TEN-DOLLAR NOTE.

The legends on the ten dollar note are the same as those on the five, with the exception, of course, of the denomination. The general arrangement of details is the same, and in that respect the description of the five will apply to the entire series. The vignettes and engravings form the main points of difference. The general shape and design of the figures are also changed. The vignette representation of Fact on the ten-dollar note delineates the experiment of Franklin by which, with the historical kite, he caught the lightning. The philosopher in the foreground stands perfectly undisturbed in the storm; while lurid flashes light up the clouds; an attendant with the "bottle"—the electrical jar into which Franklin conveyed the lightning—is represented in the engraving. The scene is one of much sublimity.

The corresponding allegorical piece is a beautiful conception. The Genius of America, represented by a female figure, borne upon an eagle amid the clouds, grasps a thunderbolt. The characteristic placidity which distinguishes Franklin attaches also to this figure in a remarkable degree.

The engraving on the back of the note is from the well known painting, "De Soto Discovering the Mississippi." There are many figures, and the picture as here represented is improved from the original, like that of the landing of Columbus on the five dollar note. The work is in the highest style of art. The other portions of the back are like those on the note first described.

OTHER NOTES.

The historical representation on the face of the twenty dollar note is of the battle of Lexington. The allegorical piece is "Loyalty," and it is a timely and spirited picture. A figure of Liberty standing in the foreground, bears aloft the stars and stripes. Near by, on each side and in the background are figures of men—farmers, artisans and others—who are rallying around the flag. On the back of the note "The Baptism of Pocahontas" is engraved.

The vignette on the fifty dollar note is "Washington Crossing the Delaware." The corresponding allegory, not yet finished, is understood to be "A Prayer for Victory." The back is ornamented with an engraving from West's "Embarkation of the Pilgrims."

The one hundred dollar note will have on the face a vignette of the "Battle on Lake Erie," and an allegorical illustration entitled "Maintain It"—that is, liberty and nationality. "The Declaration of Independence," from Trumbull's picture, is to be engraved on the back. None of the notes, except the five and ten dollar denominations, can be promised for distribution to the banks for some time to come. It is understood that a few of the institutions have ordered the whole amount they are authorized to circulate in the smaller notes.

COUNTERFEIT.

The penalties prescribed in the law for counterfeiting, or in any manner altering or imitating the notes, or passing spurious issues, will probably deter individuals who have any capital, or any regard for their own safety, from making such efforts. The following is a part of the inscription on the back of the notes:

"Counterfeiting or altering this note, or passing any counterfeit or alteration of it, or having in possession any counterfeit plate or impression of it, or any paper made in imitation of the paper on which it is printed, is felony, and is punishable by $1,000 fine or fifteen years' imprisonment at hard labor, or both."

It is a question, however, for many reasons which we have not space to consider, whether the notes could be successfully counterfeited.

WHAT HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED.

The beauty of the designs which have been chosen for the embellishment of the notes; the artistic execution of the work; the general similarity of appearance of the different denominations, though the variety is sufficiently marked to be evident upon the most casual observation, and the strictly national character of the notes, form, with other qualities, a currency which it is safe to say, has never been equalled. The peculiar adaptation of the designs, particularly of the historical pictures, renders the new currency perfectly unique as well as beautiful.

Considerations relating to the financial system upon which the national currency is founded, are not within the scope of this article, and it remains only to observe that the issue on account of currency to be issued is $300,000,000, and since one hundred and sixty banks have been authorized.—*New York Evening Post.*

The Legal Tender Act Before the Supreme Court.

A case is before the Supreme Court of the United States presenting the following features: Judge Roosevelt, of N. Y., was sued upon a bond. The defendant offered him legal tender notes. He refused to take them—an issue was then made in one of the Courts of this State. The decision then rendered was against the constitutionality of the act of Congress. The case was taken by appeal to the Court of Appeals, where the decision was reversed. Roosevelt then took out a writ of error to carry it before the Supreme Court under the 25th section of the act. The defendant in error moved to dismiss the writ of error for want of jurisdiction, alleging there is no appeal, because the decision below was in favor of the constitutionality of the act.

PUBLIC NOTICES.

PUBLIC MASS MEETING.—

A City Volunteer Movement in Allegheny.

A mass meeting of the citizens of Allegheny will be held in the interior of the NEW MARKET HOUSE, THIS (Tuesday) EVENING, December 22d, at 7½ o'clock, to consider the propriety of creating a fund which shall pay a bounty of THREE HUNDRED DOLLARS to the full quota of Allegheny city, under the call of the President.

Let the citizens all attend.

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N. U. L. A.—The N. U. C. will meet at WILKINS HALL, in Pittsburgh, DECEMBER 22nd, instant. Each Local Council is entitled to send three delegates.

G. V. P.
Pittsburgh, Dec. 21, 1863. de22:2d

EXCELSIOR INSTITUTE.—The Session of this Institute will commence on Monday, Jan. 4th, 1864, and continue twelve weeks, closing FRIDAY, March 25th, 1864. For terms, &c., call at the Institute, corner of Penn and St. Clair streets, or address,

Rev. W. S. GRAY, Principal.
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TURNPIKE ELECTION.—An election will be held at THOMAS ALDERS' HOTEL, on TUESDAY, January 12th, 1864, between the hours of 1 and 3 p. m., for the election of one President, four Managers, and six Directors, as officers of the Coal Hill and Upper St. Clair Turnpike Company.

WM. LAFY, Treasurer.
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THE CITY OF THE GREAT KING."—Rev. JAMES PRESTLEY, D. D., will deliver the first oral address of the course, for the benefit of the Sabbath School, in the sixth street United Presbyterian Church, on TUESDAY EVENING, Dec. 22d, at 7½ o'clock. Subject—"What I Saw at Jerusalem." Tickets, 25 cents, to be obtained at the Book Stores and door.

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GOLD PENS RE-POINTED EQUAL TO NEW, on the receipt of 35 cents. Circulars for the Johnson Pen sent on application, by mail or otherwise.

E. S. JOHNSON, Manufacturer and Office,
de21:1m 15 Maiden Lane, New York City.

YOUTHS' AID SOCIETY FAIR.

For the Benefit of the
U. S. SANITARY COMMISSION,
NEVILLE HALL,
Tuesday Evening, Dec. 22d, 1863.

ADMITTANCE.....10 CENTS.
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PITTSBURGH BRIDGE COMPANY.—The Stockholders in said Company are hereby notified to meet and organize said Company, at CLARK'S HOTEL, Liberty street, Pittsburgh, on the FIRST MONDAY OF JANUARY, 1864, between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock p. m. of said day, and choose by ballot, by a majority of the stock then and there voted, one President and six Directors, one Treasurer, and such other officers as they may think necessary, to conduct the business of the Company until the next regular election.

James Marshall, Christian Zug,
H. B. Brown, Robert Woods,
John F. Singer, Elijah Heath,
James S. Wilson, E. J. Brooks,
Samuel Hartman, S. A. Long,
Benj. A. Mevay, Clarence Sinclair,
Alex. Hudson, Rody Patterson,
Robert Sterrett, James Tronick,
Isaac Walker, Thomas Bissell,
Moses Chess, Commissioners.
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UNION PRIMARY MEETINGS.—The Union voters of the City of Allegheny are invited to meet at their respective places for holding elections, on SATURDAY, 26th instant, between the hours of 4 and 7 o'clock p. m., and vote by ballot for—

One citizen for Mayor;
One citizen for Controller of the Poor;
and also for candidates for the respective Ward offices.

The Judges of the Primary Elections will meet at the TOWN HOUSE, on MONDAY, 28th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m., and sum up the vote of the respective precincts, the person having the highest vote to be declared the nominee of the party.

Officers of Election are instructed to refuse all votes offered by those who voted against the Union State Ticket in October last.

By order of the Executive Committee.
A. G. COFFIN, Chairman.
J. WRIGHT, Secretary.
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PITTSBURGH SANITARY COMMITTEE.

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THE NEW GYMNASTICS AT NEVILLE HALL.—The Classes are open for new members at each time of meeting. Ladies and Gentlemen, TUESDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, at 7½. Ladies and Children, WEDNESDAY and SATURDAY AFTERNOONS, at 3 o'clock.

TERMS IN ADVANCE:
For Adults, course of twenty lessons.....$6 00.
For Lads and Misses, " " ..... 4 00.
For Children, " " ..... 3 00.
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CANDIDATES.

THE MAYORALTY OF ALLEGHENY.—Capt. SIMON DAUM, at the urgent solicitation of many citizens, has consented to permit his name to be used as a candidate for the Mayoralty of Allegheny City, at the ensuing municipal election.

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CORONER.—JOHN MCCLUNG, of the First Ward, Allegheny, will be a candidate for Coroner of Allegheny County, subject to the decision of the ensuing County Union Convention.

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

TO LET.—A suite of two large communicating and handsomely furnished Rooms to let, without board, on first floor of house 78 SECOND STREET, Pittsburgh. de18:1w

OIL CITY.—To any one in Oil City that has old condemned OIL or WHISKEY BARRELS, and wants to sell them, can call at

E. G. LOCKE'S COOPER SHOP,
de21:3w Back of H. McClintock's Warehouse.

THE MOST APPROPRIATE HOLIDAY GIFT, for the Soldier, is a pair of good BOOTS. The best can be had at

de19 JAS. HORB'S, 89 Market street.

WATER PROOF CLOTHING, of all kinds, always on hand and for sale, wholesale or retail, at Nos. 79 and 81 St. Clair street, by

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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

$1,000.—FOR SALE.—One-half of a patent for an invention that will ensure a large income to the purchaser. A business man required. Address "A. B., GAZETTE OFFICE."
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MCKEESPORT PROPERTY FOR SALE, 60 feet front on Walnut street by 150 deep; also, the adjoining lot, 14 feet front by 50 deep, a one-and-a half story frame dwelling house and a two-story frame building. Apply to

de22 S. CUTHBERT & SONS, 81 Market st.

WANTED.—$60 A MONTH.—We want Agents at $60 a month, expenses paid, to sell our *Everlasting Pencils, Oriental Burners*, and thirteen other new, useful and curious articles. Fifteen articles sent free. Address,

de22:1m4wT SHAW & OLARK, Biddeford, Me.

BUILDING LOTS FOR SALE.—19 ft. front on Fleming street, Allegheny, by 90 feet deep to a 10 feet alley, 1,000 feet from North Common. Price, $200. Also, two lots 40 feet front on Rose st. by 110 deep to Justice street, between Overhill and Hopkins streets. Apply to

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LUBRICATING OIL.

150 bbls. Natural, No. 1 Gravity,

For sale by CHILDS & CO.,
No. 7 Hancock street.
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LADIES' SATCHELS, PORTEMONNIES, Writing Desks Pocket Knives, Gold Pens, Photograph Albums, Toy Books. A fine assortment of Games, Choice Gift Books, Pocket Books, Diaries, Almanacs, and a great variety of beautiful goods adapted to the season to be found at No. 104 Federal street, Allegheny.

de21 T. E. WAKEHAM.

HOUSE AND LOT FOR SALE, CHEAP FOR CASH.—The Lot has 25 feet front on Townsend street, Sixth Ward, and runs back 100 feet to an alley. The House is a two-story brick, containing five rooms, and is on the rear of the lot, fronting on the alley. A good bargain may be had by applying soon, to JOHN KNOWLSON, Townsend street, cor. at

dec2:w THIS OFFICE.

WOOD STREET WAREHOUSE FOR RENT.—The capacious Warehouse, No. 43 Wood street, opposite St. Charles Hotel, having 40 feet front on Third street, now occupied by Quartermaster's Department, will be for rent from 1st of April next. Apply to

SEMPLE & JONES, Bankers,
de19 Third and Wood streets.

FOR SALE.—Three Cast Iron Stills, of 18, 20 and 30 barrels capacity, in complete order. Three sets of Flanges Connecting Pipes.
Four large Crude Oil Tanks.
50,000 second-hand Bricks.
A lot of Rolling Iron
One Oil Pump and Pipes.
One 10-horse power Engine, with Boiler and Stack.
Lot of Gas Pipe and Cocks.
Lot of new and second-hand Oil Barrels.
For particulars inquire of E. H. SMITH,
de22:1w Ninth Ward Brewery.

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ARMSTRONG & KIDD,
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REFERENCES:
New York—Messrs. R. G. Dun & Co., 714 Broadway.
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For terms of consignment apply to
D. REICHERT,
Corner Second and Fourth streets, Pittsburgh.
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ADMINISTRATORS, EXECUTORS AND TRUSTEES.—Notice is hereby given that any person or persons having in charge or trust, as Administrators, Executors or Trustees, of any legacies or distributive shares arising from personal property, of any kind whatsoever, when the whole amount of such property so divisible shall exceed the sum of one thousand dollars in value of any person deceased, on or since the 1st day of September, 1862, will make immediate return to the Assistant Assessors in their respective Sub-Divisions or before the 15th day of January, 1864, at which time all who fail to comply before this date will be subjected all the penalties made and provided in such cases under the Excise Law. REILY A. WEAVER,
de22:3t&1wT Assessor 22d District, Pa.

TWO SUPERB HOLIDAY BOOKS.

HOME VIEWS; OR, PICTURESQUE AND BEAUTIFUL SIGHTS [illegible] "Home Views," engraved on steel from original designs. Quarto size, 300 pages imperial 8vo. 40 engravings.
Bound in Turkey [illegible] $12 00.
" French [illegible] 8 00.
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PORTRAITS OF CELEBRATED WOMEN, with Brief Biographies. Twenty-eight splendid engravings on steel. The subjects selected are all representative characters. The volume is a beautiful companion to the preceding. Published at the same price.

Also, a full stock of all the new and popular Gift and Juvenile Books, large variety of Photograph Albums, Portfolios, Desks, &c., for sale by

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OFFICE OF THE CONTROLLER OF ALLEGHENY CO., PA.,
Pittsburgh, December 21st, 1863.

PROPOSALS FOR WRITING, &c.—Proposals for quasi will be received at this office until 2PM INSTANT, inclusive, for writing and copying from the original Assessment Books, SEVENTY-FIFTH DUPLICATES, SEVENTY-SECOND SCHOOL DUPLICATES, and SEVENTY-SECOND COLLECTION DUPLICATES. The work to be done in the Office of the Controller, Commissioners, and to be completed on or before the first of April next. Bids to be made at so much the running line, complete, to include the carriage of each and all the books with the original, with a proportionate deduction in each of the books pending the totals of the different taxes by the total valuation. The correctness of the duplicates must be proclaimed before Warrants are issued in payment. Bonds with sufficient security, will be required for the fulfillment of the contract, and will not be surrendered until the correctness of the Duplicates is fully verified. Samples of books can be seen on application.

By direction of County Commissioners.
de22:dtds1wT HENRY LAMBERT, Controller.

UNITED STATES MILITARY RAILROAD OFFICE, No. 250 G street, Washington, D. C., December 19th, 1863.

LOCOMOTIVE ENGINES AND RAILROAD IRON FOR SALE.—I will sell at public auction, at the Orange and Alexandria Railroad Depot, in Alexandria, Va., on WEDNESDAY, the 30th day of January next:

Ten second-hand Locomotive Engines, 4 feet 8½ inches gauge.
About 1,000 tons of old Rails, T and U pattern.
" 200 " Car Wheels;
" 200 " Car Axles;
" 200 " Wrought Scrap Iron;
" 200 " Cast "

A lot of Steel Springs, Sheet Iron, &c.
Sale to commence at 10 a. m.
Terms cash, in Government funds.

H. L. ROBINSON,
de21:td Captain and A. Q. M.

UNIVERSAL CLOTHES WRINGERS.—Read the following opinion by Orange Judd, of the *American Agriculturist*, who says of the First Premium Universal Clothes Wringer:

"From several years' experience with it in our own family; from the testimony of hundreds who have used it; and from the construction of the implement itself,—we feel certain that it is worthy a place in every family where the washing is done at home. A child can readily wring out a tubful of clothes in a few minutes. It is in reality a Clothes Saver! a Time Saver! and a Strength Saver! The saving of garments will alone pay a large percentage on the cost. We think the machine much more than pays for itself every year in the saving of garments. There are several kinds, nearly alike in general construction, but we consider it important that the Wringer be fitted with Cogs, otherwise a mass of garments may clog the rollers, and the rollers upon the crank shaft slip and tear the clothes. Our own is one of the first made, and it is as good as new, after nearly four years' constant use."

For sale only at Nos. 26 and 28 St. Clair street, by

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Gymnastics, frequent walks in the beautiful environs of Dresden, with occasional more distant excursions are considered as well educational, as conducive to health and vigor of body.

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PUBLIC SALE OF CITY LOTS.—By order of the Orphans' Court of Allegheny county, I, the undersigned, as Guardian of Mary Greer, Sarah Greer, Sophia Greer and Lilly Greer, will offer at Public Sale, on SATURDAY, the 9th day of January, A. D. 1864, the following described property in the City of Pittsburgh, to wit:

1. That certain lot of ground on the corner of Penn and Marbury streets, fronting on Penn street 30 feet and running back along Marbury street 100 feet 10½ inches, to Brewery alley, being part of Lot No. 116 in the original plan of Pittsburgh; on which are erected two and brick dwelling houses.

2. That certain lot of ground on King's alley, situate about 62½ feet southerward from Virgin alley, fronting on King's alley 24 feet 10 inches, and running back, the same width, 23 feet 6 inches.

3. The following thirty-four lots in the Eighth Ward, in David Lyon's plan, as recorded in Plan Book vol. 1, page 173, to wit: Lots Nos. 17, 18, 74, 75, 76, 77, 82, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 102, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 114, 120, 121, 122, 123, 147, 148 and 149.

The sale of the lot on the corner of Penn and Marbury streets will take place on the premises, at 10 o'clock a. m.; the lot on King's alley on the premises, at 11 o'clock a. m.; and the vacant lots in the Eighth Ward on the premises, at 2 o'clock p. m.

The lot on Marbury street is of good size and in a good location, and as the buildings are not very valuable, it is worthy the attention of capitalists. The vacant lots in the Eighth Ward are in a part of the city which is rapidly improving, and should receive the attention of those who wish to procure building lots. Some of them are also valuable for their Stone Quarries.

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