Southern Reconstruction.

Provisional Governor Holden, of North Carolina, has been relieved of his duties. The letter to him was couched in the same complimentary terms as those sent to the other Governors. The response was as follows:

RALEIGH, Dec. 23, 1865.—*To the Hon. W. H. Seward, Secretary of State*—SIR: Your despatch of this date, relieving me of my duties as Provisional Governor of North Carolina, has been received. It gives me pleasure to be relieved of the responsibilities and labors of the office. I will at once transfer the great seal, papers and property of the State, now in my possession, to the Hon. Jonathan Worth, the Governor-elect.

Be pleased to convey to the President my sincere acknowledgments for the honor he has done me, and the confidence reposed in me in calling me to this position, with the expression of the hope that his plan for reconstructing the insurgent States to their natural and appropriate place in the Union may be crowned with entire success.

I have the honor to be, with the highest respect, your obedient servant,

W. W. HOLDEN.

Governor Orr has sent the following to Secretary Seward:—

COLUMBIA, S. C., Dec. 22.—*Hon. W. H. Seward, Secretary of State:*—The Legislature adjourned yesterday at noon. Governor Perry has returned to his home in Greenville. Your despatch has been forwarded to him by mail. It will be very gratifying to the people of South Carolina that her government has been intrusted to officers of their own selection. In their name I thank you for the tender of co-operation of the government of the United States, when found necessary, in effecting the early restoration and permanent prosperity and welfare of the State. You may be assured of my unalterable purpose to aid in upholding the supremacy of the laws of the United States, and in advancing the honor, interest, and prosperity of a common country.

JAMES L. ORR, Governor.

Gen. Gibbon on Tournaments.

Gen. John Gibbon, commanding at Petersburg, has issued the following order:

"HEADQUARTERS DISTRICT OF THE NOTTOWAY, PETERSBURG, VA., Dec. 19, 1865.—*General Orders No.* 41.—It having been reported to these headquarters that a certain social gathering is to be held in this city, only with the understanding that no 'Yankees' are to be invited thereto, and the Major General commanding being satisfied that the idea of such a restriction could have emanated only from the intellect of those too craven to fight in defence of their opinions, or too degraded to appreciate the liberal spirit in which they have been treated, it is hereby ordered that at the tournament to be held on Wednesday, the 20th instant, no officer or soldier of the United States shall lend to any party in said tournament any horse, saddle, bridle, or equipment of any kind; and all persons loyal to the Government of the United States are warned against attending such disreputable and disloyal meeting, that those who do attend may be marked as unworthy to associate with those who have honor and honesty enough to regard their oaths of allegiance as something more than lip service, and too much principle to be blindly led by a foolish woman.

"It is further ordered that no officer having Government property in his charge, will, until further orders, use such property in any way for the benefit of any citizen of Petersburg.

"By command of Major General John Gibbon. W. H. MALE,

"Bvt Major and A.D.C., A.A.A.G."

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TO ARRIVE.

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Sfron	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 12
Germania	Hamburg	New York	Dec. 13
Scotland	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 13
Saxonia	Southampton	New York	Dec. 13
Edinburg	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 13
St. David	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 14
Belgian	Liverpool	Portland	Dec. 14
Australasian	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 16
Erin	Liverpool	New York	Dec. 20
Star of the Union	N. York	New Orleans	Dec. 23
Canada	Liverpool	Boston	Dec. 23

TO DEPART.

SHIPS	FROM	FOR	DATE
City of Limerick	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 27
Havana	New York	Rio Janeiro	Dec. 27
Virginia	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 30
America	New York	Bremen	Dec. 30
Etna	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 30
Britannia	New York	Glasgow	Dec. 30
Hansa	New York	Bremen	Dec. 30
Belgian	Portland	Liverpool	Dec. 30
Java	New York	Liverpool	Dec. 30
Corsica	New York	Nassau & Havana	Jan. 1
Cuba	Boston	Liverpool	Jan. 3
Australasian	New York	Liverpool	Jan. 3
Europa	New York	Havre	Jan. 5
Saxonia	New York	Hamburg	Jan. 6
Scotland	New York	Liverpool	Jan. 6

MARINE BULLETIN.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA—DEC. 26.

SUN RISES, 7 25 | SUN SETS, 4 35 | HIGH WATER, 9 0

ARRIVED ON SATURDAY.

Brig A F Larrabee, Carlisle, from Somerset, in ballast to captain.

CLEARED ON SATURDAY.

Steamer Norman Baker, Boston, H Winsor & Co.
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Schr M Kennedy, Burr, Port Royal, do
Schr E Arcularius, Jackson, Boston, Mershon & Cloud.

Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.

LEWES, DEL., Dec. 22—3 PM.

A British bark, supposed the Anna Ada, from Philadelphia for Antwerp, went to sea yesterday morning. Nearly all the fleet reported in my last went to sea since yesterday morning. Steamer Reliance, Captain Scheilinger, from Philadelphia for New Orleans, put in here yesterday to land the body of a boy, named Thos Buckard, supposed of English parentage, who died from the effects of a fall upon the deck; the body was buried in the grounds of the Presbyterian church at this place. The wind has been blowing heavy from NW since yesterday, with a high sea. Weather cold.

Yours, &c. J. HILLY'D BUETON.

MEMORANDA.

Steamer Saxon, Matthews, hence at Boston 23d inst.
Steamer Aries, Crowell, cleared at Boston 23d inst. for this port.
Steamer Golding Star, Berry, from New Orleans via Havana 20th inst. at New York 24th inst.
Steamer America, hence at New York 23d inst.
Steamer Helvetia (Br), Prowse, cleared at New York 23d inst. for Liverpool.
Steamer Manhattan, Turner, cleared at New York 23d inst. for Havana and Vera Cruz
Steamer Virginia (Br), Prowse, from Liverpool Dec. 7, at N York 23d inst. with 427 passengers.
Steamers Star of the Union, Blanchard, and Champion, Furber, cleared at New York 23d inst. for New Orleans.
Ship Isaac Jeanes, Boyling, cleared at San Francisco 22d inst. for New York.
Ship Lisbon, Curtis, at New York 24th inst. from Aspinwall.
Ship Kate Prince, Libby, from Calcutta, which has been off the coast for several days, anchored in Marblehead harbor yesterday. Her crew are badly frost-bitten.
Bark Atalanta (Br), Beck, cleared at New York 22d inst. for Aspinwall via this port.
Bark Wheatland, Oliver, at New York 24th instant from Iquique.
Brigs Geo Burnham, Mountford, and Essex, Colby, hence for Portsmouth, at Holmes' Hole 21st inst.
Schr Dr Rogers, Pearson, at Gloucester 21st inst. from Delaware City.
Schr Mail, Merrill, cleared at New York 23d instant for this port.
Schr Mary, Weglam, hence at Richmond 22d inst.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

Schr Chas E Raymond, from Philadelphia for Boston, was ashore at Beaver Tail 22d inst. Would probably come off after lightering. A schr is reported ashore on the West side of Beaver Tail, near the light, in a bad position (probably the above), and another near Castle Hill.

The Hattie Morrison, from Liverpool for Philadelphia, abandoned at sea, was an A1 vessel, 516 tons, built at Phipsburg, Me. by Morrison & Percy. She was valued at $40,000. Insured at the Columbian and Washington offices, New York, for $36,000.

Schr Sarah M Sherman, Arnold, hence at Fall River 22d inst.

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Transfer Books will be closed from this date until the 2d of January.
WM. M. DAVIDSON, Treasurer.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 22 1865. dec22-ja3

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dec23-5t THOS. R. SEARLE, secretary.

OFFICE OF THE TIOGA IMPROVEMENT COMPANY.
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WILLIAM ELLIS, Treasurer.
dec21-6t Nos. 724 and 722 Market street.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD COMPANY TREASURER'S DEPARTMENT, PHILADELPHIA, November 1, 1865.
NOTICE TO STOCKHOLDERS.—The Board of Directors have this day declared a semi-annual Dividend of FIVE PER CENT. on the capital stock of the Company, clear of National and State Taxes, payable on and after November 1st, 1865.
Blank powers of Attorney, for collecting Dividends, can be had at the Office of the Company, 238 South Third street.
THOMAS T. FIRTH,
nov2-2m3 Treasurer.

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A dividend of 10 PER CENT. has been declared on the Preferred and Common stock, clear of National and State Taxes, payable, in cash or common stock at par, at the option of the holder, on and after the 30th inst., to the holders thereof as they shall stand registered on the books of the company on the 16th inst., all payable at this office.
S. BRADFORD,
dec11 20 Treasurer.

OFFICE OF THE MORRIS CANAL AND BANKING CO., JERSEY CITY, Dec. 18th, 1865.
DIVIDEND NOTICE.
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This Dividend is in anticipation, and in lieu of that which would otherwise be paid in February, 1866.
The Transfer Books will be closed from the 24th inst., until the 10th of January, inclusive.
JOHN RODGERS, Sec'ry.
dec20-tjan6

OFFICE OF THE MERRIMAC MINING COMPANY OF LAKE SUPERIOR, No. 132 WALNUT street, PHILADELPHIA, December 1st, 1865.
NOTICE—The Assignees of the MERRIMAC MINING COMPANY OF LAKE SUPERIOR will pay a Dividend of FIFTEEN PER CENT. (15 per cent.) on all claims properly adjusted against the Company, at the office of the Company, 132 WALNUT street, Philadelphia, on and after the 2d day of January, 1866.
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OFFICE OF THE BOHEMIAN MINING COMPANY OF MICHIGAN, 132 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 1st, 1865.
NOTICE.—The assignees of the Bohemian Mining Company of Michigan will pay a dividend of FIFTEEN PER CENT. (15 per cent.) on all claims, properly adjusted, and due by said Company, at the office of the Company, 132 Walnut street, Philadelphia, on and after the second day of January, 1866.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

OFFICE OF THE OIL RUN IMPROVEMENT COMPANY, No. 228½ Walnut street.
The first Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office on THURSDAY, 4th January next, at 12 o'clock M.
de23 5t SAMUEL D. HAWLEY, Secretary.

PENN NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 13th, 1865.
The Directors have this day declared an extra Dividend of FIFTEEN DOLLARS per share, by increasing the par value of the Stock from THIRTY-FIVE to FIFTY DOLLARS.
JAMES RUSSELL, de23-s,tu,th3t Cashier.

UNION NATIONAL BANK.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1865.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, January 9th, 1866, between the hours of 10 and 3 o'clock of that day.
de11-30tp2 N. C. MUSSELMAN, Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE DELAWARE MUTUAL SAFETY INSURANCE COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, December 18th, 1865.
The Annual Election for twenty-eight Directors will be held at this office on MONDAY, the first day of January next, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
HENRY LYLBURN,
de21-8t3 Secretary.

420 WALNUT STREET, PHILADELPHIA, December 12th, 1865.
A special meeting of the stockholders of the Mount Farm Oil Company will be held at their office on WEDNESDAY, December 27, 1865, at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the reduction of the capital.
de11-15t* S. F. WATSON, Secretary.

KENSINGTON AND NEW JERSEY FERRY COMPANY.
The Annual Meeting of Stockholders for the election of Directors will be held at the office, 1035 BEACH Street, above Laurel, on MONDAY, January 1, 1866, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
CHARLES M. LUKENS,
de20-10t* Secretary.

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA.—Twelfth mo. (December) 23d, 1865.
The annual election for Directors will be held at the office of the company, No. 5 South Fifth street, on SECOND DAY (Monday), the 8th day of First month (January) next, between the hours of 12 and 2 o'clock.
dec22-12t T. ELLWOOD CHAPMAN, Secretary.

OFFICE PHILADELPHIA AND TRENTON RAILROAD COMPANY. PHILADELPHIA, December 20th, 1865.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders and an election for Directors for the ensuing year will be held at the Company's office on TUESDAY, the eighth day of January, 1866, at 10 o'clock P. M.
de20-tjan8 J. MORRILL, Secretary.

THE PHILADELPHIA, WILMINGTON & BALTIMORE RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, December 19th, 1865.
The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Company, and an election of Directors, will take place at the office of the Company, in Wilmington, on the second MONDAY (8th) of January next, at 11 A. M.
dec19-tu,th,s-tjan8 ALFRED HORNER, Sec'y.

OFFICE OF THE WARDENS FOR THE PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, No. 119 WALNUT street, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 20, 1865.
NOTICE—Application has been made to this Board by WILLIAM WETHERILL to erect a WHARF on the west side of the river Schuylkill, below Chestnut street, as per plan in this Office. Final action will be had by the Board at the stated meeting, Jan. 1, 1866.
dec22-2t2 GIDEON WILLARD, Master Warden.

AMERICAN LIFE INSURANCE AND TRUST COMPANY, WALNUT street, South east Corner of FOURTH, PHILADELPHIA, December 19 1865.
NOTICE—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Company, for the Election of Thirteen Trustees, to serve the ensuing year, will be held at the Office, on MONDAY, January 1st, 1866, between 10 A. M. and 12 o'clock, noon.
de19tjan1 JOHN S. WILSON, Secretary.

MOSELEM RAILROAD COMPANY PHILADELPHIA, December 23d, 1865.
The annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Moselem Railroad Company, will be held at the office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, No. 227 South FOURTH street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 15th, 1866, at 10 A. M., when an election will be held for a President and six Directors, to serve the ensuing year.
W. A. CHURCH,
dec23-tjan15 Secretary.

COLEBROOKDALE RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, December 23d, 1865.—The Annual Meeting of the stockholders of the Colebrookdale Railroad Company will be held at the office of the Philadelphia and Reading Railroad Company, No. 227 South FOURTH Street, Philadelphia, on MONDAY, January 15th, 1866 at 11 A. M., when an election will be held for a President and six Directors, to serve the ensuing year.
W. A. CHURCH,
dec22tjan15 Secretary.

OFFICE OF LEHIGH VALLEY RAILROAD COMPANY, PHILADELPHIA, December 18th, 1865.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Company will be held at their office, No. 412 Walnut street, on MONDAY, the 8th day of January next, at 12 o'clock M., at which time an election will be held for President and twelve Directors for the ensuing year.
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SPECIAL NOTICES.

THE PHŒNIX INSURANCE COMPANY OF PHILADELPHIA. DECEMBER 18th, 1865.—Notice is hereby given, that, agreeably to the charter, an election for fifteen Directors will be held at the Company's office, on MONDAY, the 1st day of January next, at 11 o'clock A. M.
de18tjan1 SAMUEL WILCOX, Secretary.

NATIONAL BANK OF THE NORTHERN LIBERTIES, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 1865.
The Annual Election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.
de8-tu&tu&tjan10 W. GUMMERE, Cashier.

COMMONWEALTH NATIONAL BANK.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8th, 1865.
The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A.M., and 2 o'clock, P. M.
de8-f,m,w,tja9 H. C. YOUNG, Cashier.

FARMERS AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 1865.
The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House on Wednesday, the 10th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 3 o'clock P. M.
de8f,m,w,tjy10 W. BUSHTON, Jr., Cashier.

CITY NATIONAL BANK.—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 8, 1865.
The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the Banking House, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M.
de8-f m wtja10 G. ALBERT LEWIS, Cashier.

THE PHILADELPHIA NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 5, 1865.
The annual election for Directors of this Bank will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 11 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock P. M
de6-w,f,mtja9rp2 B. B. COMEGYS, Cashier.

PENN NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December 9, 1865.
The regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, for the election of Directors, will be held at its Banking House on TUESDAY, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 3 o'clock, P. M.
JAMES RUSSELL, Cashier.
de6,f,m,w,tja9,4

CAMBRIA IRON COMPANY.—The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Cambria Iron Company will be held at their Office, No. 400 Chestnut street, Philadelphia on TUESDAY, the 16th day of January next, at 4 o'clock P. M. when an election will be held for seven Directors to serve for the ensuing year.
JOHN T. KILLE,
Secretary.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 14, 1865. de15f m wtja2

SOUTHWARK NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA, December, 9, 1865.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank for the election of Directors, will be held at the Banking House on Tuesday, the 9th day of January next, between the hours of 10 o'clock, A. M. and 12 M.
de9-s,tu,th,tj9 F. P. STEEL, Cashier.

INSURANCE COMPANY OF THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA. PHILADELPHIA, December 23d, 1865.
An Election for Thirteen Directors of the Company, will be held at the Company's Office, Nos. 4 and 5 Exchange Building, on MONDAY, January 8th, 1866, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and two o'clock P. M.
WILLIAM HARPER,
de23tojn7 Secretary.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 9, 1865—NATIONAL EXCHANGE BANK, N. W. corner Second and Green streets.—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank, to elect Directors for the ensuing year, will be held at the Banking House, on TUESDAY, the 9th of January, 1866, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
de19-tu,tjan9 GEO. J. HAMILTON, Cash'r.

OFFICE LEADING CREEK OIL COMPANY, 430 Walnut street.
NOTICE—To all whom it may concern, that Fifteen Original Shares to subscription in the above Company will be sold at Public Auction, at the Office of the Company, 430 Walnut street, January 18th, 1866, at 4 o'clock P. M., for default of payment of installments due thereon.
By order of the Board.
de18mt4t P. EDWARDS, Secretary.

OFFICE WARREN AND FRANKLIN RAILWAY COMPANY, 203½ Walnut street, PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 18th, 1865.
The annual meeting of stockholders and election for Directors of the Warren and Franklin Railway Company, will be held at the office of the Company, on MONDAY, January 8th, 1866.
GEORGE C. THOMAS, Jr.,
de18-tu,th,s,9t4 Secretary.

OFFICE MINE HILL AND SCHUYLKILL HAVEN RAILROAD, PHILADELPHIA, 4th mo 18th, 1865.
The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders will be held at their office, Franklin Institute Building, No. 15 South seventh street on 2d day (Monday) the 8th day of 1st month (January), 1866, at 10 o'clock A. M. when an election will be held for a President and Ten Managers, to serve for the ensuing year.
de18 mwf5t1 WILLIAM BIDDLE, Secretary.

GIRARD NATIONAL BANK, PHILADELPHIA December 9th, 1865.
The Annual Election for Directors will be held at the Banking House, on WEDNESDAY, the 10th day of January, 1866, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 2 P. M.
A meeting of the stockholders will be held at the same place and on the same day at 12 o'clock, for the purpose of taking into consideration the general interests of the Institution.
W. L. SCHAFFER,
de9-s,tu,th,tjan10 Cashier.

OFFICE OF THE ENTERPRISE INSURANCE COMPANY, 409 Walnut Street—PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23d, 1865.
NOTICE—The annual meeting of the Stockholders of "The Enterprise Insurance Company" will be held on MONDAY, the eighth day of January next, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at the office of the Company.
An election for Twelve Directors to serve the ensuing year will be held on the same day, at the same place, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 2 o'clock, P. M.
B. LOCKWOOD,
de23 1ja 8t Secretary.

PENNSYLVANIA MINING COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—Notice is hereby given that all Installments of Four Dollars per Share on each and every share of the Capital Stock in the Pennsylvania Mining Company of Michigan, has this day been called by the Board of Directors of said Company, and are payable at the Office of the Company, No. 326 Walnut street, Philadelphia, on or before the 5th day of October, 1865. Interest will be charged on all Installments after the same shall have become due.
By order of the Board of Directors.
S. M. DAY, Secretary.
PHILADELPHIA, Sept. 25, 1865. se26,2t,w,f,m6t

DELAWARE MINING COMPANY OF MICHIGAN.—Notice is hereby given, that the Tenth Installment being TWO DOLLARS per share on each and every share of the Capital Stock in the Delaware Mining Company of Michigan, has this day been called by the Board of Directors of said Company, due and payable at the office of the Company, No. 326 WALNUT street, Philadelphia, on or before the 18th day of December, 1865. Interest will be charged on all Installments after the same shall have become due.
By order of the Board of Directors.
B. WYATT WISTAR, Treasurer.
PHILADELPHIA Dec 4 1865. de4 2t&th,sa,tu1m1

PROPOSALS.

PROPOSALS FOR PAPER AND TWINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, UNITED STATES, CLERK'S OFFICE, Dhecember 16, 1865

Sealed Proposals will be received at this office until WEDNESDAY, the 3d day of JANUARY, 1866, at 12 o'clock M., for furnishing each of the following descriptions of Paper and Twine, for the use of the House of Representatives of the United States, viz:—

600 reams Manilla Paper, 19x24 inches very tough and smooth, to weigh eleven pounds per ream.
600 reams Manilla Paper, 19x24 inches very tough and smooth, to weigh twenty-two pounds per ream.
200 reams Manilla Paper 23x36 inches, very tough and smooth, to weigh forty-two pounds per ream.
500 pounds medium sized soft twine.

Proposals must be accompanied by the names of the sureties intended to be offered.

The articles are to be delivered, free of charge for carriage, at the office of the Clerk of the House of Representatives, two hundred reams of each of the two first items of Paper above mentioned, on or before the 15th day of January, 1866, and the remainder of each and all of the above-mentioned articles to be delivered on or before the first day of February, 1866.

Proposals will be received for Paper and Twine separately, and each proposal must be indorsed "Proposals for Paper and Twine for the House of Representatives of the United States," and addressed to the undersigned.

Sufficient specimens of each class of articles proposed must accompany the proposal, marked with the name of the bidder.

Parties submitting proposals will be required to file a bond therewith, in the sum of one thousand dollars, with two sufficient securities, as a guarantee that they will fulfil the contract if awarded to them.

The person offering to furnish any class of articles at the lowest price, quality considered shall receive a contract for the same on executing a bond, with two or more sureties satisfactory to the Clerk of the House of Representatives, for the performance of the same, under a forfeiture of twice the contract price in case of failure, which bond must be filed in the office of said clerk within six days after the proposals have been opened and the result declared.

EDWARD McPHERSON,
Clerk of the House of Representatives of the United States.
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WANTS.

$1,500 PER YEAR