

The Sale of Gold and Silver Lands. Representative Julian, of Indiana, Chairman of the House Committee on Public Lands, has reported from that Committee a very important bill providing for the sale of the gold and silver lands of the United States.

The following is a brief summary of its provisions: Sixty provisions for the sale of such lands, after six months' weekly publication of the notice of the sale in some newspaper of general circulation published nearest the land. The sale to be at public auction, and the notice to contain a full description of the location of the land, character and quality of the minerals, nature of the deposits in which they are found, general features of the country, &c.

Sec. 2 provides that the public sales shall be open two weeks, during which no private sales shall be allowed. It also provides that should full and free competition be prevented at any public sale, the title acquired by persons thus preventing such free competition shall be void, whether patents for the lands shall have been issued or not. It further provides that none but citizens of the United States or those who have declared their intentions to become such, shall be allowed to purchase, and that all lands remaining unsold after the public sales shall be open to private entry.

Sec. 3 provides that the Surveyor-General for the proper district shall prepare plans of sub-divisions of such lands according to the plan of sub-division now recognized by law repealing the process until the lots shall be deemed of fit size, which shall be numbered as sections in the original survey. Sec. 4 provides for the appointment of a geologist for each land district, who shall thoroughly explore the lands therein containing the mineral, and report on the size of the sub-divisions judged proper to enable the purchaser to work his mine to advantage, and giving a full description of the character of such lands and the minerals found in them, the report to be made to the general land and local land offices.

Sec. 5 provides that the discoverer or worker of any mine or lead, or deposit of mineral, shall have the right to purchase it at the minimum price fixed upon it. Proof of discovery or of working the mine shall be made to the Register, Receiver, and Geologist, or any two of them, by the affidavit of the party, and of two respectable, disinterested witnesses. Sec. 6 provides that the Register and Geologist, in connection with the Geologist, shall classify the lands with reference to their value, and the sub-divisions deemed necessary to accommodate miners, &c., and report the same to the Surveyor-General and the General Land Office, giving the minimum price that should be fixed on the said lands. No persons shall purchase more than twenty acres, nor any one more than without selling the first at public sale to the highest bidder, in cash.

Sec. 7 provides that the President of the United States may, by law, receive and assay and coin the minerals, having reference to the Mints now established, and requires the mineral to be assayed and coined in said districts, under strict penalties. Sec. 8 provides that the purchaser of the said lands shall take the oath of loyalty to the United States by law, and Sec. 9 provides that the proceeds of the sales of such lands shall be applied to the payment of the principal and interest of the bonds of the United States.

Sec. 10 provides that the Secretary of the Interior may designate and set apart such of said lands as may prove to be agricultural, to which the homestead right shall be attached. Sec. 11 provides that anomalous surveys, or those not made according to the established rules of the Government, shall be authorized by law, and that no survey may be conducted by recognizing their lines and divisions, said anomalous surveys to be properly connected by lines, courses, &c., and that the reasons for departing from the rectangular system are to be plain in each case. Sec. 12 provides that the President may increase the number of land districts, and appoint the necessary officers, fix the boundaries, appoint additional geologists when necessary. Sec. 13 repeals all laws inconsistent with this act.

Rations to Refugees and Freedmen. The following statement shows the number of rations issued to refugees and freedmen in the hereinafter mentioned States during the month of December last: No. of Rations, Freedmen, 10,282; Virginia, 2,086; Georgia, 3,347; North Carolina, 3,347; Alabama, 1,830; Mississippi, 221; Kentucky and Tennessee, 411; Arkansas and Missouri, 1,151; Louisiana, 528; Texas, 19; District of Columbia, 1,373.

From Fortress Monroe. FORTRESS MONROE, Feb. 20.—About thirty Government horses were sold here today, at an average of \$107 apiece, and a lot of other valuable property. The steamer Charles Houghton is placed on the route from Norfolk to Yorktown, Gloucester and West Point, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. The steamer Fanny, from Baltimore to Savannah, Georgia, put in yesterday, the weather outside being stormy, but sailed again last night.

The City Councils of Petersburg, and the Directors and Managers of the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad, paid a visit to Norfolk yesterday, and were received by the Common Council and prominent merchants of that city. The new line of steamers on Chesapeake Bay have made arrangements to run in connection with the Norfolk and Petersburg Railroad, for a period of two years. New Jersey Legislature. TRENTON, N. J., Feb. 21.—The Senate today passed the Peterson and Newark Railroad bill. This bill has now passed both Houses. Mr. Trask (Democrat) presented a concurrent resolution that "we have full faith in the ability, patriotism and loyalty of Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, and that we have confidence in him as the executive of the National Government."

Fire at Alton, Illinois. ST. LOUIS, Feb. 20.—The tobacco factory of Myers & Drummond, at Alton, Ill., and one or two adjoining stores were burned on Saturday last. The loss amounted to about \$30,000, in which there is an insurance of \$14,000.

BOARD OF TRADE. MONTHLY COMMITTEE. IMPORTATIONS.

Table with columns: FROM, TO, DATE. Lists various goods and their origins, including sugar, molasses, and other commodities.

MAINE BULLETIN. PORT OF PHILADELPHIA—FEBRUARY 22.

Table with columns: ARRIVED YESTERDAY, DEPARTED, ARRIVED YESTERDAY. Lists ship arrivals and departures, including ship names, destinations, and agents.

MEMORANDA.

Steamer Norfolk, cleared at New York yesterday for Philadelphia. Steamer City of London, cleared at New York yesterday for Philadelphia. Steamer City of Baltimore, cleared at New York yesterday for Philadelphia.

DRUGS.

MICACABA—A perfect substitute for Breast Milk. English and Foreign Drugs—English, French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese, etc.

HOOD'S BRONCHIAL TABLETS—The All-Powerful Remedy for Coughs, Croup, Whooping Cough, etc. Prepared only by LANCHESTER & WILLS, Apothecaries, 141 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

DRUGGISTS' SUPPLIES—Graduates—Morgan, P. H. Pillsbury, Co., Wholesale and Retail. Wholesale and Retail, 141 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

THE NEW "FILLIPPI"—A COMPLETE CLEANLINESS and portable convenience for the application of soap to the hair, face, and hands. Sold by HUBBELL, 141 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

STOVES AND HEATERS. THOMPSON'S LONDON KITCHENER OR EUROPEAN RANGE, for families, hotels, etc. Also, Philadelphia Ranges, Hot-air Boilers, etc.

CHASE, SHARP & THOMPSON, Manufacturers of Stoves, Ranges, and Heating Apparatus. 141 Chestnut street, Philadelphia.

WATCHES AND JEWELRY. RIGGS & BROTHER.

CHRONOMETER, CLOCK, AND WATCHMAKERS. No. 314 South Front Street, Philadelphia. Have constantly on hand a complete assortment of Clocks, &c., for Ballrooms, Parties and Counting Houses, which they offer at reasonable rates.

LEWIS LADOMUS, DIAMOND DEALER & JEWELER, WATCHES AND JEWELRY REPAIRED. 802 Chestnut St., Phila.

FINE DIAMOND WORK.

WATCHES OF THE MOST CELEBRATED MAKERS. Silver Ware, FOR WEDDING PRESENTS, IN GREAT VARIETY.

REPAIRING DONE IN THE BEST MANNER. OLD GOLD, SILVER AND PRECIOUS STONES BOUGHT FOR CASH.

WISTAR'S BALSAM OF WILD CHERRY.

HALF A CENTURY, WITH THE MOST ASTONISHING SUCCESS IN CURING Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Sour Throat, Influenza, Whooping Cough, Croup, Liver Complaint, Bronchitis, Difficulty of Breathing, Asthma and every affection of the THROAT, LUNGS AND CHEST.

CONSUMPTION.

which carries off more victims than any other disease, and which baffles the skill of the Physicians to a greater extent than any other malady, cured by this medicine. PRICE ONE DOLLAR A BOTTLE.

GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE.

CURES CUTS, BURNS, SCALDS. GRACE'S CELEBRATED SALVE Cures Burns, Scalds, Cuts, Bruises, etc. It is a most valuable medicine, and is sold by all Druggists.

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COPARTNERSHIPS.

NOTICE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP—The undersigned have this day entered into a partnership for the purpose of carrying on the business of Wholesale and Retail Dealers in Groceries, etc., under the name of J. B. F. BAKER & CO.

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FINANCIAL. U. S. SECURITIES.

SMITH, RANDOLPH & CO., BANKERS AND BROKERS, 16 South Third St., Philadelphia, 3 Nassau street, New York.

STOCKS AND GOLD.

BOUGHT AND SOLD ON COMMISSION. INTEREST ALLOWED ON DEPOSITS. STOCKS AND LOANS Bought and Sold on Commission. Trust Funds Invested in City, State or Government Securities.

P. S. PETERSON & CO.

39 South Third Street. Stocks, Bonds, &c., Bought and Sold at Board of Brokers. Liberal Premium paid for COMPOUND INTEREST NOTES.

P. F. KELLY & CO.

THIRD AND CHESTNUT. Gold and Compound Interest Notes Wanted by P. F. KELLY & CO.

ROBINSON & DICKSON.

STOCK BROKERS. No. 310 Walnut Street. STOCKS, BONDS, &c., Bought and Sold at Board of Brokers.

KURTZ & HOWARD.

STOCK AND NOTE BROKERS. No. 23 SOUTH THIRD STREET, PHILADELPHIA.

DE HAVEN & BRO.

40 South Third Street. STATIONERY. LIPMAN MANUFACTURING CO.

WANTED.

DE HAVEN & BRO. 40 South Third Street. THE PRINCIPAL MONEY ESTABLISHMENT. More advanced on Merchandise generally.

BAKER'S ORNAMENTAL HAIR MANUFACTORY.

The largest and best assortment of Wigs, Toupees, Long Hair Braids and Curles, Water-falls, Victorines, Frisettes, Italiane Beams for Ladies, and FINEST LOWER than elsewhere. 909 CHESTNUT STREET.

AUCTION SALES.

M. THOMAS & SONS, AUCTIONEERS. NOTICE—SALE OF ELEGANT FURNITURE—The stock of elegant furniture, manufactured in the best manner, is now offered for sale (Friday) MORNING, 11 o'clock, for examination and sale by catalogue. The sale will be held at the first and second stories of the Locust Mountain Coal and Iron Co. REAL ESTATE AT PRIVATE SALES.

SALES OF STOCKS AND REAL ESTATE at the Exchange every TUESDAY, 11 o'clock noon. For particulars of the above sales see hand bills in this office.

REAL ESTATE SALE, FEB. 23. Will include—THE MODERN THREE STORY BRICK RESIDENCE with side yard, No. 92 Franklin street, north of Poplar street. Handsomely finished, and has all modern conveniences. Lot 20 feet front clear of all incumbrances.

THREE STORY BRICK DWELLING, east side of Locust street, between 10th and 11th streets. This is a desirable residence, and is well adapted for a number of years. Immediate possession.

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JAMES A. FREEMAN, AUCTIONEER. REAL ESTATE SALE, FEB. 23, 1886. This sale, at the Exchange, at 12 o'clock noon, will include—

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