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PHILADELPHIA POST OFFICE,

NOVEMBER 25TH, 1857.

To insure the more rapid and frequent delivery of letters in this city, the Postmaster General has authorized the following changes in the times and manner of delivery within the limits of the Philadelphia Office:

Four sub-offices have been established at the following places:

Northeastern—447 COATES STREET, near FIFTH.

Northwestern—SPRING GARDEN HALL, THIRTEENTH and SPRING GARDEN.

Western—1621 CHESTNUT ST., east of SEVENTEENTH.

24th Ward—MARKET STREET, east of PARK.

Each of these offices, as well as the present, or principal office, is the centre of a delivery and collection district; and from each FIVE DELIVERIES will be made daily by the Government Letter Carriers, of all letters arriving in the mails, or collected from the sub-offices and boxes, for city delivery. The deliveries will be made at the following hours:

7 o'clock, morning.
10 " "
1 " afternoon.
3 " "
5 " "

In connection with the sub-offices, boxes are located at convenient points in each district, in which letters may be deposited for the mails, or for delivery to other parts of the city. Collections will be made from the boxes FIVE TIMES A DAY, by sworn collectors, detailed for that duty exclusively. The collections will be made at the following hours:

6 o'clock, morning.
10 " "
1 " afternoon.
3 " "
6 30 " "

The collection at 6.30, in the afternoon, is for the mails only, and will be made every day, including Sunday.

☞ No charge will be made for carrying Letters to the Post Office.

☞ Letters for City Delivery, Two Cents each. (One Cent Postage—One Cent for Carrier.)

To secure rapid communication between the principal office and the sub-offices, there has been provided a special service of horses and wagons, which will arrive and depart with precision, according to a time-table prepared for the purpose.

The city is divided by Tenth street, Vine street, and the Schuylkill river, into five districts.

The Central district embraces that section of the city east of Tenth street and south of Vine street. The present Post Office is the centre point for this district.

The Western district embraces that section of the city west of Tenth street and south of Vine street. Sub-office, No. 1621 Chestnut street.

The Northern district embraces that part of the city east of Tenth street and north of Vine street, exclusive of the old districts of Kensington and Richmond. Sub-office, No. 447 Coates street, near Fifth.

The Northwestern district embraces that section of the city west of Tenth street and north of Vine street. Sub-office, Spring Garden Hall.

The Twenty-fourth ward district embraces that part of the city west of the Schuylkill. Sub-office, Market street, east of Park street.

The carriers in each district will start from the office of the district, and letters deposited in the boxes of a *district will be taken by the collectors to the district* office.

The city has been divided into walks of convenient size, with reference to business and extent of territory. On each of these there will be two carriers, who will divide the walk between them; for the despatch of business at the principal mail deliveries, but at other times the whole walk may be attended by either one of the carriers.

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☞ Letters to be "registered" must be taken to the *Central or principal office.*

☞ Advertised letters cannot be delivered at the sub-offices, but at the principal office only, as at present.

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The system is to be put in operation on Tuesday, December 1st.

A list of the places where United States Mail boxes are located will be published in a few days.

Like every invasion of an old routine, in a vast establishment like the Post Office, this change may create some temporary embarrassment, and not work perfectly for a few days or weeks. It may, therefore, require some short indulgence from the public. No effort, however, will be spared on my part to secure the perfect working of a system which experience elsewhere has shown to be so beneficial to the public; and which I have no doubt will soon be regarded here also as a great progress in postal business.

I respectfully ask the co-operation of the citizens of Philadelphia in behalf of the new system.

no30-3t GIDEON G. WESTCOTT, Postmaster.

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Legal Notices.

IN THE ORPHANS' COURT FOR THE COUNTY OF PHILADELPHIA.

Trust of ELIZA PURNELL, under the Will of Elijah Bowen, deceased.

The Auditor appointed to audit, settle, and adjust the account of SYDNEY W. BOWEN, Trustee of Eliza Purnell, under the Will of Elijah Bowen, deceased, and to report distribution, will attend to the duties of his appointment on WEDNESDAY, the second day of December, A. D. 1857, at 4 o'clock P. M., at his office, No. 271 South FIFTH Street, below Prune, in the city of Philadelphia.

no20-fmw5t JOSEPH A. CLAY, Auditor.

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n25-w 4-2w* Attorney for Widow.

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Academy of Music, (Operatic,) corner of Broad and Locust streets.

Arch Street Theatre, Arch, above 6th street.

Parkinson's Garden, Chestnut, above Tenth.

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Sandford's Opera House, (Ethiopian,) Eleventh, below Market.

Walnut Street Theatre, northeast corner Ninth and Walnut.

Thomson's Varieties, Fifth and Chestnut.

Thomas's Opera House, Arch, below Seventh.

ARTS AND SCIENCES.

Academy of Natural Sciences, corner of Broad and George streets.

Academy of Fine Arts, Chestnut, above Tenth.

Artists' Fund Hall, Chestnut, above Tenth.

Franklin Institute, No. 8 South Seventh street.

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Almshouse, west side of Schuylkill, opposite South street.

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Association for the Employment of Poor Women, No. 292 Green street

Asylum for Lost Children, No. 36 North Seventh street.

Blind Asylum, Race, near Twentieth street.

Christ Church Hospital, No. 8 Cherry street.

City Hospital, Nineteenth street, near Coates.

Clarkson's Hall, No. 163 Cherry street.

Dispensary, Fifth, below Chestnut street.

Female Society for the Relief and Employment of the Poor, No. 72 North Seventh street.

Guardians of the Poor, office No. 56 North Seventh street.

German Society Hall, No. 8 South Seventh street.

Home for Friendless Children, corner Twenty-third and Brown streets.

Indigent Widows' and Single Women's Society, Cherry, east of Eighteenth street.

Penn Widows' Asylum, West and Wood streets Eighteenth Ward.

Masonic Hall, Chestnut, above Seventh street.

Magdalen Asylum, corner of Race and Twenty-first streets.

Northern Dispensary, No. 1 Spring Garden street.

Orphans' Asylum, (colored,) Thirteenth street, near Callowhill.

Odd Fellows' Hall, Sixth and Haines street.

Do. do. S. E. corner Broad and Spring Garden streets.

Do. do. Tenth and South streets.

Do. do. Third and Brown streets.

Do. do. Ridge Road, below Wallace.

Pennsylvania Hospital, Pine street, between Eighth and Ninth.

Pennsylvania Institute for the Instruction of the Blind, corner Race and Twentieth street.

Pennsylvania Society for Alleviating the Miseries of Public Prisons, Sixth and Adelphi streets.

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Philadelphia Orphans' Asylum, northeast cor. Eighteenth and Cherry

Preston Retreat, Hamilton, near Twentieth street.

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Union Benevolent Association, N. W. corner of Seventh and Sansom streets.

Will's Hospital, Race, between Eighteenth and Nineteenth streets.

St. Joseph's Hospital, Grant avenue, between Fifteenth and Sixteenth.

Episcopal Hospital, Front street, between Huntingdon and Lehigh avenues.

Philadelphia Hospital for Diseases of the Chest, S. W. corner of Chestnut and Penn streets, West Philadelphia

PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

Custom House, Chestnut street, above Fourth

County Prison, Passyunk road, below Reed.

City Tobacco Warehouse, Dock and Spruce streets.

City Controller's Office, Girard Bank, second story.

Commissioner of City Property, office, Girard Bank, second story.

City Treasurer's Office, Girard Bank, second story.

City Commissioner's Office, State House.

City Solicitor's Office, Fifth, below Walnut.

City Watering Committee's Office, Southwest corner Fifth and Chestnut.

Fairmount Water Works, Fairmount on the Schuylkill.

Girard Trust Treasurer's Office, Fifth, above Chestnut.

House of Industry, Catharine, above Seventh.

House of Industry, Seventh, above Arch street.

House of Refuge, (white,) Parrish, between Twenty second and Twenty-third street.

House of Refuge, (colored,) Twenty-fourth, between Parrish and Poplar streets.

Health Office, corner of Sixth and Sansom.

House of Correction, Bush Hill.

Marine Hospital, Gray's Ferry road, below South street.

Mayor's office, S. W. corner Fifth and Chestnut streets.

New Penitentiary, Coates street, between Twenty-first and Twenty-second streets.

Navy Yard, on the Delaware, corner Front and Prime streets.

Northern Liberties Gas Works, *Maiden, below Front* street.

Post Office, No. 237 Dock street, opposite the Exchange.

Post Office, Kensington, Queen street, below Shackamaxon street.

Post Office, Spring Garden, Twenty-fourth street and Pennsylvania Avenue.

Philadelphia Gas Works, Twentieth and Market; office, No. 3 S. Seventh street.

Pennsylvania Institute for Deaf and Dumb, Broad and Pine streets.

Penn's Treaty Monument, Beach, above Hanover street.

Public High School, S. E. corner Broad and Green

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Recorder of Deeds, No. 3 State House, east wing.

State House, Chestnut street, between Fifth and Sixth streets.

Sheriff's Office, State House, near Sixth street.

Spring Garden Commissioner's Hall, Spring Garden and Thirteenth streets.

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United States Mint, corner of Chestnut and Juniper streets.

United States Arsenal, Gray's Ferry Road, near Federal street.

Naval Asylum, on the Schuylkill, near South street.

United States Army and Clothing Equipage, corner of Twelfth and Girard streets.

United States Quartermaster's Office, corner of Twelfth and Girard streets.

COLLEGES.

College of Pharmacy, Zane street, above Seventh.

Eclectic Medical College, Haines street, west of Sixth.

Girard College, Ridge road and College Avenue.

Homœopathic Medical College, Filbert street, above Eleventh.

Jefferson Medical College, Tenth street, below George.

Polytechnic College, corner Market and West Penn Square.

Pennsylvania Medical College, Ninth street, below Locust.

Philadelphia Medical College, Fifth street, below Walnut.

Female Medical College, 229 Arch street.

University of Pennsylvania, Ninth street, between Market and Chestnut.

University of Free Medicine and Popular Knowledge, No. 68 Arch street.

LOCATION OF COURTS.

United States Circuit and District Courts, No. 24 Fifth street, below Chestnut.

Supreme Court of Pennsylvania, Fifth and Chestnut streets.

Court of Common Pleas, Independence Hall.

District Courts, Nos. 1 and 2, corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets.

Court of Quarter Sessions, corner of Sixth and Chestnut streets.

RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS.

American Baptist Publication Society, No. 118 Arch street.

American and Foreign Christian Union, No. 144 Chestnut street.

American Sunday School Union (new), No. 1122 Chestnut street.

American Tract Society (new), No. 929 Chestnut.

Episcopal Reading Rooms, 524 Walnut street.

Mennonist, Crown street, below Callowhill street.

Pennsylvania and Philadelphia Bible Society, corner of Seventh and Walnut streets.

Presbyterian Board of Publication (new), No. 821 Chestnut street.

Presbyterian Publication House, No. 1334 Chestnut street.

Young Men's Christian Association, No. 162 Chestnut street.

Northern Young Men's Christian Association, Germantown Road and Franklin.

Philadelphia Bible, Tract, and Periodical Office (T. H. Stockton's), No. 535 Arch street, first house below Sixth street, north side.

Lutheran Publication Society, *No.* 732 Arch street, below Eighth.

RAILROAD LINES.

Penna. Central R. R.—Depot, Eleventh and Market.

7 A. M., Mail Train for Pittsburgh and West.

12.55 P. M., Fast Line for Pittsburgh and the West.

2.30 P. M., *for Harrisburg and Columbia.*

4.30 P. M., Accommodation Train for Lancaster.

11 P. M., Express Mail for Pittsburgh and the West.

Reading Railroad—Depot, Broad and Vine.

7.30 A. M., *Express Train for Pottsville, Williamsport,* Sunbury and Niagara Falls.

3.30 P. M., as above (Night Express Train.)

New York Lines.

1 A. M., from Kensington, *via Jersey City.*

6 A. M., from Camden, Accommodation Train.

7 A. M., from Camden, via Jersey City, Mail.

10 A. M., from Walnut street wharf, via Jersey city.

2 P. M., via Camden and Amboy, Express.

3 P. M., via Camden, Accommodation Train.

5 P. M., via Camden and Jersey City, Mail.

6 P. M., via Camden and Amboy, Accommodation.

Connecting Lines.

6 A. M., from Walnut street wharf, for Belvidere, Easton, Water Gap, Scranton, &c.

6 A. M., for Freehold.

7 A. M., for Mount Holly, from Walnut street wharf,

2 P. M., for Freehold.

2.30 P. M., for Mount Holly, Bristol, Trenton, &c.

3 P. M., for Palmyra, Burlington, Bordentown, &c.

4 P. M., for Belvidere, Easton, &c., from Walnut street wharf.

5 P. M., for Mount Holly, Burlington, &c.

Baltimore R. R.—Depot, Broad and Prime.

6 A. M., for Baltimore, Wilmington, New Castle, Middletown, Dover, and Seaford.

4.15 P. M., for Wilmington, New Castle, Middletown, Dover, and Seaford.

. P. M., for Perryville, Fast Freight.

11 P. M., *for Baltimore and Wilmington.*

North Pennsylvania R. R.—Depot, Front and Willow.

9 A. M., for Bethlehem, Easton, Mauch Chunk, &c.

10 A. M., for Doylestown, Accommodation.

3.15 P. M., for Bethlehem, Easton, Mauch Chunk, &c.

4.30 P. M., for Doylestown, Accommodation.

10 A. M., for Gwynedd, Accommodation.

Camden and Atlantic R. R.—Vine street wharf.

7.30 A. M., for Atlantic City.

10.45 A. M., for Haddonfield.

4 P. M., for Atlantic City.

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For Westchester.

By Columbia R. R. and Westchester Branch. From Market street, south side, above Eighteenth. Leave Philadelphia 7 A. M. and 4 P. M.

" Westchester 6.30 A. M., and 3 P. M.

ON SUNDAYS

Leave Philadelphia 7 A. M.

" Westchester 3 P. M.

Westchester Direct Railroad, open to Pennelton, Grubbs Bridge.

From northeast Eighteenth and Market streets.

Leave Philadelphia 6, and 9 A. M., 2, 4, and 6 P. M.

" Pennelton, Grubbs Bridge, 7, 8, and 11 A. M, and 4 and 6 P. M.

On Saturdays last train from Pennelton at 7 A. M.

ON SUNDAYS

Leave Philadelphia 8 A. M. and 2 P. M.

" Pennelton 9½ A. M. and 6 P. M.

Germantown & Norristown R. R.—Depot, 9th and Green.

6, 9, and 11 A. M., and 3, 4.45, 6.45, and 11.15 P. M., for Norristown.

6 A. M. and 3 P. M., for Downingtown.

6, 8, 9, 10, and 11.30 A. M., and 2, 4, 6, 8, and 9 P. M. for Chestnut Hill.

6, 7, 8, 9, 10.10, and 11.30, A. M., and 1, 2, 3.10, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 11.30 P. M., for Germantown.

Chester Valley R. R.—Leave Philadelphia 6 A. M. and 3 P. M.

Leave Downingtown 7½ A. M. and 1 P. M

STEAMBOAT LINES.

2.30 P. M., Richard Stockton, for Bordentown, from Walnut street wharf.

10 and 11.45 A. M., and 4 P. M., for Tacony, Burlington and Bristol, from Walnut street wharf.

9.30 A. M., Delaware, Boston, and Kennebec, for Cape *May, first pier below Spruce street.*

7.30 A. M., and 2, 3, and 6 P. M., John A. Warner and Thomas A. Morgan, for Bristol, Burlington, &c.

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THE ATLANTIC CABLE.

The original plan of laying down the Atlantic Cable, by depositing it on the plateau over which the ocean-waters ebb and flow, has failed *so far, and though the experiment will be repeated*, next year, there are many doubts of its success. Under such circumstances, there can be no harm, at all events, in entertaining some of the suggestions thrown out by practical or *scientific* men. We therefore submit, as a suggestion, liable to objection and discussion, a plan which has been brought under our notice, and certainly, if practicable, has many advantages. It arose out of a conversation between a lieutenant of the United States Navy, and an English gentleman, who is in *business in this State.*

The Cable, it is evident, must have two *terminii*—one has been determined upon at Valentia, in the South of Ireland, the other at St. John's, Newfoundland. We will take St. John's and Valentia as the two points to be connected by the Sub-Atlantic magnetic Cable.

Instead of laying down the cable on the plateau of the Atlantic, with its great variations of depth, it is suggested to place it *suspended* in the ocean, at an uniform distance or depth of forty feet below the surface. This distance, it is assumed, would be deep enough below the chance of interference of any kind from sailing vessels or steamers.

The manner of suspending the cable is the difficulty. Our friends suggest that a series of *buoys, each at the uniform distance of half or* even quarter of a mile, should be placed in such communication with the submerged cable, as to support it, all through, at the required depth. Thus the Ocean highway, straight across from shore to shore, would actually be indicated to the eye. A small flag attached to each of the buoys would sufficiently attract attention, and point out the line of telegraphic communication to all vessels within the vicinity.

It is contended, also, that by means of the *buoys, any defect in the* telegraphic wire could readily be pointed out, and easily remedied or repaired. Nothing would be easier than to ascertain where the hitch lay, and then, the locality discovered, to raise the line at the required point and repair, or renew it, if necessary.

Each buoy would have to be *numbered*, so that, no matter how unsuitable the circumstances for taking the necessary observations, a vessel which arrived at any buoy, near enough to establish its identity, could inform *her place at sea readily ascertained, if not exactly*, perhaps, for wind and tide might be expected to carry the buoys occasionally below or above the exact latitude; but a vessel in distress, unable to ascertain where she was, *coming in view of one of these buoys, would* be enabled to form a generally accurate idea of the latitude and longitude into which she might have drifted or been driven. The charts, of course, would have to be improved by the addition of the buoyed line across, with the number of each buoy marked upon it, for the purpose of identification.

Another advantage might result from this project. Each buoy should itself be in magnetic communication with the line which it helped to sustain. If each ocean-steamer carried with her a galvanic battery, *nothing* would be easier, it is submitted, than, on reaching one of these buoys, to establish a communication with either terminus. Thus, her exact position at sea, at any particular day, hour, and minute, could be transmitted to Valentia, or St. John's, or to both places—the country she had left and that for which she was bound. In the case of any accident, the advantage of this would be immense, for a steamer could communicate its difficulties, its requirements, and its latitude and longitude, *at the time of making such intimation*, so as to supply some idea of the quarter to which aid should be despatched, if such aid were necessary.

The saving of expense would be great, as, instead of between three and four thousand miles of telegraphic cable, not more than about seventeen hundred miles in length would be required—a little more, in fact, than the distance from land to land in a direct line.

One objection to this plan, ingenious as it certainly is, arises even while we thus endeavor to make it as clear to our readers as it has been made to our own mind by the two projectors. The objection is simply this: considering the great stress to which the cable must occasionally be liable, from the pressure of wind and wave upon *the buoys, (and on the wire through* the buoys,) the question arises, where can there be obtained a power sufficiently great to bind the cable to the two termini, so as to resist the tremendous pressure which thus may be brought against it. The pressure, too, instead of being simultaneous and steady—as in the case of a current running in one way—would sometimes act by *jerks*. The motion of the buoys, caused by wind and wave, would not be simultaneous, as one buoy would be on the crest of a wave while another would be in *the trough. Thus the action would vary, and* be worse for the cable, almost, than if the pressure were steady. What power can bind the cable to the termini? How can the telegraphic cable be made so strong that it will not snap under the force to which it may be subjected?

Other objections will naturally be suggested by other minds, and we shall be happy to receive them—provided that those who make them will study terseness, as the columns of a newspaper are limited. We have thought the suggestion here explained, worthy of notice, *and shall be glad to learn that it has* awakened interest. The seed of something truly great may lie undeveloped in this proposition.

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