CITY COUNCILS.

A Democratic Protest—The Ocean Steamship Bill—Military Enrollment—Highways and Bridges—Pennsylvania Railroad Company—Mayor Vetoes the Bill locating more Steam Fire Engines—Veto not Sustained—Lombard and South streets Passenger Railway—The Cooper Shop Soldiers' Home—The Deer in Logan Square.

A stated meeting of City Councils was held yesterday afternoon.

SELECT BRANCH.

A Protest from Democratic Members.

Mr. BRIGHTLY presented a protest from the Democratic members against the action of the Chamber, at the last meeting, in the case of Mr. Miller.

Mr. CATHERWOOD objected to the protest. It purports to be a protest from the Democratic members. He considered himself as good a Democrat as any one here, and his name was not appended to it.

The protest was read. It charges that the action was illegal, and is signed by Mr. Brightly and most of the Democrats.

Mr. CATHERWOOD said that there was one man whose name is signed to that paper who was not elected as a Democrat. He considered himself as good a Democrat as any member of the Chamber, and a man who could not be bought or sold as some parties in this Chamber. He thought that the protest was an insult to the *gentlemen* who sit in this chamber, and should be kicked out of the window.

Mr. DILLER objected to the protest because it charged that the members who voted upon the resolution last meeting had voted against law. He considered that himself or colleagues, both in committee and the Chamber, had voted fairly as could be in law and order.

Mr. KING considered it unusual to object to a protest.

Mr. CATHERWOOD explained that he objected because the paper showed itself a falsity upon its face.

Mr. KING said that the protest was not disrespectful.

Mr. CATHERWOOD, (rising,) It was born in sin and conceived in iniquity, and you know that it was.

Mr. MCELROY said that he signed the protest because he considered that the committee had been treated badly.

The PRESIDENT remarked that the paper did not show on its face that it was a protest from Democratic members, and it did not appear to be disrespectful. He thought that it was out of order at this time. It should be offered before the business to which it refers is disposed of.

Mr. BRIGHTLY said that he had presented the paper as he had been requested, as a protest of the Democratic members.

Mr. CATHERWOOD. Does the gentlemen consider himself a Democratic member?

Mr. BRIGHTLY. I don't intend to answer the question.

Mr. CATHERWOOD. No! you are afraid to answer.

Mr. BRIGHTLY. No; I am not afraid to do anything.

Mr. DILLER. That's so.

Mr. BRIGHTLY then said the protest was respectful, and was not intended to be offensive to anybody.

Mr. MILLER did not consider the protest respectful. It sought to introduce words which were offensive while appearing respectful.

A motion that the Chamber refuse to receive the protest was agreed to—yeas 12, nays 9.

Petitions, &c.

Numerous petitions for the laying of water pipes, location of lamps, &c., were presented.

Messrs. DILLER, GRESLE, GINNODO, and others presented petitions in favor of the Ocean Steamship Line.

Mr. DILLER, a petition from the Northern Association for the Relief and Employment of Poor Women, asking to be relieved from a certain water rent.

Mr. CATHEROOD submitted a resolution directing the Commissioner of City Property to have the accoons removed from the trees in the public squares. Adopted.

Thanks for Adjournment of the Legislature.

Mr. CATHERWOOD offered the following:

Whereas, The President of the United States has by proclamation, appointed the 30th day of April next prayer, as a day of fasting, humiliation, and prayer; and whereas, the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania have adjourned *sine die*: therefore

Resolved, That the Mayor be, and he is hereby, requested to issue his proclamation, calling on all good citizens of fasting, humiliation and prayer, they be desired to return thanks to the "Giver of all Good," that He in His infinite wisdom did so direct the action of the Senate and House of Representatives of this Commonwealth to adjourn on the fifteenth inst., *sine die*.

The reading of the resolution created considerable merriment among the members. After some little discussion, and at the request of several of the members, the resolution was withdrawn.

Reports of Committees.

The Committee on Finance of this Chamber reported favorably upon the appointments of the City Treasurer, and they were unanimously confirmed. The names have already been published in *The Press*.

Mr. BRIGHTLY, from the committee to try the contested election case of the Twenty-fourth ward, reported an ordinance appropriating $721.17 to pay the expenses of the committee.

A motion to refer the bill to the Committee of Finance prevailed.

The Committee on Schools reported an ordinance making an appropriation of $6,500 to the Controllers of the Public Schools for the purpose of erecting additions to, and making alterations in, the America-street schoolhouse, in the Nineteenth ward. The bill passed, with an amendment that the amount shall come out of a loan to be hereafter created.

The Ocean Steamship Line.

The bill relative to the line of ocean steamships came up on third reading

Mr ARMSTRONG said that while he was not opposed to a line of ocean steamships from this port, he was not in favor of this bill. He had many objections to it.

Mr. KING opposed the bill, as he considered it unconstitutional.

Dr. DILLER believed that the legal objections to the bill had been removed by recent action of the Legislature, and spoke at length in favor of the project.

Mr. WYNKOOP, in opposition to the bill, said that if it passed, the commissioners of the sinking fund would certainly test the matter to the utmost in the courts. On the other hand, if this ordinance is not passed this after-noon, he would pledge himself to introduce a bill which would be satisfactory to the Pennsylvania Railroad Company, and would meet the constitutional objections.

Mr. KING moved that the bill be postponed until the next meeting.

Mr. GINNODO, who had at first opposed the bill, said that he was now in favor of it. He had been among his constituents, and found the most of them favorable to the project. He had been called upon and asked to advocate the matter.

The motion to postpone was not agreed to—yeas 9, nays 4.

The bill was then passed finally by the following vote:

YEAS—Messrs. Armstrong, Catherwood, Ginnodo, Greble, Harris, Kamerly, Marcus, McElroy, Nicholson, Palding, Rickets, Spering, Thier, and Wagner—14.

NAYS—Messrs. Brightly, Davis, King, Manuel, Miller, Richie, Wetherill, Zane, and Lynd, president—9.

Resolutions.

Mr. CATHERWOOD submitted a resolution directing the Commissioner of Highways to notify the West Philadelphia Passenger Railroad to repair Market street, at the intersection of Second street. Adopted.

Mr. WETHERILL read a resolution relating to the cording and sale of wood, upon the public streets and landings belonging to the city. Ordered to be printed.

A resolution from Common Council authorizing the paving of Jackson street in the Twenty-fourth ward, was concurred in.

Mr. WETHERILL submitted a resolution requesting the city directors of the Girard College for Orphans to furnish a statement of all subscriptions made by the said company to the stock of other corporations, stating with the dates of the payment of the same, and also the amount and dates of dividends or interest thereon. Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Mr. RIGNS submitted an ordinance authorizing the Commissioner of the Public Buildings to issue warrants for the payment of the architect of the new school house in the Eighteenth ward. Passed.

Business from Common Council.

The ordinance from Common Council appropriating $12,000 to the assessors for making the enrollment of the militia was referred to the Committee on Law, with instructions to ascertain whether the General or State Government is liable, or whether the city is compelled to pay the amount.

The ordinance locating steam-forcing hose companies was called up and the Select Branch refused to concur in certain amendments the Select Branch recceded.

The ordinance locating steam engine companies, which had been passed by Common Council over the veto of the Mayor, was taken up.

Mr. WETHERILL moved to postpone the ordinance notwithstanding the Mayor's objections, shall the bill pass notwithstanding messages of the Mayor? was then taken. The yeas were 17, the nays 5. So the bill passed.

The gallery and lobby were filled with firemen, and the announcement of the passage of the bill was received with cheers from those in the gallery, while those in the lobby indulged in a stampede for the door. The business of the Chamber was thus temporarily interrupted. The president endeavored to maintain order, but without any satisfactory result, and was finally compelled to order the galleries cleared. The order was promptly executed by the messenger, and the business was proceeded with.

The bill from Common Council appropriating $30,000 for repairing damages to certain bridges was concurred in, with an amendment that the work shall be done under the supervision of the Chief Engineer and Surveyor.

The ordinance from the same source, providing for the opening of twenty-seventh and other streets, was concurred in, with a proviso that the city shall be at no expense for the same.

The amendment of Common Council to the bill making an appropriation to pay for the printing diplomas for the Girls' High school, was concurred in.

Also, a resolution approving the sureties of R. R. Corson, agent of Girard Estates.

The resolution instructing the Committee on Railroads to inquire how much money per car the passenger railway Companies will pay to the city to release them from the obligation to keep the streets in repair, was referred to the Committee on Railroads of the Common.

The ordinance appropriating $1,600 to the clerks of the City Controller's office, for auditing the accounts of A. I. Flomerfelt during the last six months of 1862, was concurred in.

The resolution appointing a joint special committee to inquire into the expediency of building a bridge over the Schuylkill, at South street, was, on motion of Mr. WETHERILL, indefinitely postponed.

Mr. DAVIS submitted a resolution requesting the superintendent of the Police and Fire Alarm Telegraph, to inform this Chamber what disposition is made of the copper deposited in the battery at the Girard Station, and what amount is realized from the sale of copper, and what becomes of the proceeds. Mr. D. said that a considerable amount had resulted from the sale of copper, and he had no doubt that the proceeds go into the proper place, but the subject is a proper one for inquiry.

After some discussion, the resolution was withdrawn.

A number of bills, of minor importance, from Common Council, were concurred in, and the Chamber adjourned near eleven o'clock.

COMMON BRANCH.

At a few minutes before four o'clock, the Council was called to order by WILSON KERR, Esq., president.

Military Enrollment.

A communication was received from the City Commissioners, calling attention to the fact that the Legislature had passed an act appropriating the sum of $200 to each of the assessors for making the military enrollment, for which no appropriation has yet been made by Councils.

Communications, &c.

Petitions were presented from the Warren Hose Company and Independence Fire Company, asking to be located as steam-forcing hose companies. Also, a number asking for grading streets, laying water pipe, erection of gas lamps, and for the building of a bridge over Cobb's creek, Twenty-fourth ward.

Reports of Committees.

Mr. BAIRD (Finance) reported an ordinance making an appropriation of $68,520 to the Commissioners of the Sinking Fund for the year 1863.

The ordinance passed without opposition.

The same gentleman reported a resolution approving of the sureties of Charles Oats, Superintendent of Trusts. Agreed to.

The same gentleman reported an ordinance providing for the approval of sureties, and also an ordinance relative to the Department of City Commissioners.

The first ordinance requires deeds, &c., of sureties to be exhibited to the Finance Committee previous to final approval.

The ordinance relative to the City Commissioners provides for the publication, in two newspapers having the largest circulation, of the proposals for supplies.

Both those ordinances were passed without debate.

Highways.

Mr. WOLBERT (Highways) reported an ordinance appropriating the sum of $20,000 for repairs to bridges at Ellwood Lane, Harrison street, Mill creek, Allegheny avenue, and other places in the rural section.

Mr. QUIN remarked that already $15,000 had been appropriated for this purpose, and it yet remains in the treasury. He thought it was very singular indeed that such an application should be made at the present time. He considered it unfair, unjust, unusual, and unparliamentary to ask for it.

Mr. WOLBERT said it gave him pleasure to reply to the gentleman from the Third. The fault is with him; he is determined to oppose anything that comes from the Highway Department. This application is made by twelve intelligent gentlemen, representing both branches of Councils, and he hoped that the whole body will stand by that intelligence, and not be misled by the gentleman, who has made up his mind to object to every subject reported by the Highway Committee.

Mr. BARGER set forth at some length, that the money asked for was for the repairs to bridges that have been swept away by recent freshets.

Mr. HARPER said he thought these items ought to be itemized. It appeared to him that we are expending an enormous amount of money. Will the chairman of the Highway Committee state the amount of deficiency?

Mr. BARGER here said the present committee is not responsible for the action of the last committee.

Mr. HARPER. How much was the deficiency?

Mr. WOLBERT. It was pretty heavy.

Mr. KERR (President.) Over $50,000.

Mr. BARGER. This, sir, is enormous. Where is it going to stop? What safeguard is there that there will not be a deficiency of a hundred thousand dollars for the present year? The present application is made for repairs to a bridge injured last September. This, sir was known when the annual appropriation bill was up for consideration. Why was it not then included? or was it included? These are questions he would like to hear explained.

Mr LOUGHLIN alluded to the appropriations made last year, but did not clearly state the reason of the deficiency.

Mr. WOLBERT merely said he hoped the bill would pass. He did not elucidate the reason of the last year's deficiency.

Mr. CRESSWELL said he would like to know what became of the money expended last year. Let us have the items, when, how, and by whom expended. In order to have some understanding on this subject, he would move a postponement of the present bill.

Mr. LEDUC said that the people made a mistake last year in electing Democrats in this Chamber, and this year the Supreme Court made the same deplorable mistake; wears, therefore, compelled, of course, to transact the business of the city with just such material as the people have sent us. The speaker now entered into a long dissertation on the subject of appropriations to the Department, and said there is now a deficiency, or soon will be, of at least $32,000. If this is simply through ignorance, it is not our fault.

The debate was further continued, and finally it became quite animated between Messrs. Quin, Wolbert, and Barger, in which the former, in alluding to the chairman of the Highway Committee, said that he was so systematically stupid, so invincibly stupid, that he is beneath contempt. So far as Mr. Barger is concerned, he would say that he is bound by his instructions to have recently come from Bedlam, that he knows not what he says; he is therefore, unaccountable, and everything he says here should have no weight with anybody.

Mr. BARGER replied with much warmth, and said that we are now given to ask for the appropriation because of the mal-administration of the gentleman from the Third ward last year. He finds now that he cannot rule the roost, therefore he wants to ruin all. Now it is time to take the bull by the horns and put him into his proper position.

Mr. QUIN desired to make a few remarks. He said that the gentleman from the Second ward had just come from the Legislature, and is perfectly ignorant of the affairs of the city. He comes here puffed up with gas, and explodes like a punctured bladder. There was no mal-administration on his part last year. He was entirely too honest. The committee, who seem to legislate for brothers, sisters, mothers, and relations, thus making money out of the city.

The motion to indefinitely postpone was lost—yeas 8, nays 24.

The ordinance passed first reading under a call for the previous question, and was finally adopted by a vote of 31 ayes, 11 nays.

Militia Enrollment.

Mr. LEECH presented a bill in place, making an appropriation of $12,000 to the City Commissioners to pay the assessors for making the militia enrollment. An attempt made to postpone, after which the bill was passed unanimously.

Pennsylvania Railroad Company.

Mr. LOUGHLIN offered a resolution requesting the city directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company to furnish this branch of Councils with a statement of the amount of other corporation, the amount of said subscription, and what amount of bonds, if any, and what corporation the railroad company have endorsed.

Mr. CRESSWELL moved an indefinite postponement.

Mr. LEDUC said that he hoped the resolution would not pass.

Mr. PAINTER said he hoped it would pass, as that company controls the State Legislature.

Mr. QUIN said he was surprised that his Democratic friend of the Twenty-fourth closed his eyes against information. If it is offered to harass the company he would oppose it.

Mr. LOUGHLIN said it was not designed to annoy the company.

The motion to postpone was agreed to—yeas 25, nays 12.

Fire Department.

The Mayor sent in a veto message in regard to the bill locating additional *steam fire-engines*. The chief points of the message are contained by his Honor are as follows:

The ordinance of February 21st, 1859, locating sixteen companies, met with the ready approval of the Mayor. The selections made by the committee may have been made without discrimination, and but little attention was paid to the importunement of them in the various districts. The Mayor thinks that the present force is abundantly able to fulfil all requirements. The Mayor also entertains the well-repeated views of others, that the efficiency of the steamers does not depend on their nearness to fire, steam being generated while the engines are proceeding to the fires. The subject of the expenses demands consideration. If the seven new engines are accepted, the expenses will be $67,726.34, of which $61,116 67 will be used for the maintenance of 34 engines. The cost of the department in 1854, if others than the companies now proposed shall be admitted, will amount to $91,725. An estimate, based upon a careful inquiry, will show that $20,000 would amply defray the expenses of a Fire Brigade, to be incorporated with the police force.

The Mayor calls attention that within a few years a responsible association had offered, for the annual sum of $60,000, to maintain an efficient organization for the extinguishment of all fires within the limits of the city. The bill is objectionable, like all the others on the same subject, inasmuch as it creates several companies. It is impossible that the respective merits of these companies should equally commend them to the intelligence of those who represent the whole community, and hence there may be members of Councils who feel themselves precluded from voting in favor of a particular company deemed by them essential to the general good, because they cannot do so without sanctioning the location of numerous other companies which they know are not needed for the public welfare, and which must add to its onerous taxation.

The veto message having been read, the question was stated as follows:

"Shall the bill pass, notwithstanding the veto of the Mayor?"

YEAS 34, nays 4.

At this stage of the proceedings the gallery, that up to the present time was crammed to overflowing, speedily became vacated.

Lombard and South-street Railway.

The bill authorizing the laying of the track of this company was called up.

Mr. LOUGHLIN moved a reference to the Committee on Railroads.

Mr. LEECH moved to lay this motion on the table. Agreed to.

Mr. LEDUC called the previous question. Sustained.

The bill then passed.

Diplomas.

The bill making an appropriation to the School Controllers for a diploma plate was called up. It was passed.

Cooper-Shop Soldiers' Home.

The bill from the Select Council, appropriating the public property at Broad and Race Streets to the use of the Cooper-Shop Soldiers' Home was called up by Mr. PAUL. It was passed without opposition.

Logan-Square Deer.

Mr. PAUL called up the bill providing for the reduction of the number of deer to twenty in Logan Square.

Mr. LOUGHLIN moved a postponement, that some arrangement might be made to introduce some of the deer into a square down town.

Mr. PAUL said that these deer cost $500 to feed them; their number should be reduced. Why should we feed so many deer inside, when *deer* outside have to feed themselves? [Buzz of laughter.]

Mr. KERR. If you send any of them down town, they'll multiply faster than ever. [More laughter.]

Mr. LEDUC said these deer are very dear indeed. It cost the city $1,200 a few years ago because a buck injured a female.

Mr. KERR. That fellow ought to have been sent to the penitentiary. [Roars of laughter.]

Mr. HARPER proposed an amendment, providing that all but twenty deer shall be sold at public auction.

This amendment was agreed to, and the bill passed.

A call of the house was now ordered; no quorum answering, the Council adjourned

THE POLICE.

(Before Mr. Alderman Beitler.)

The Five-Guilder Note Counterfeit.

William Boell was arraigned before Alderman Beitler, at the Central Station, on a second hearing on the charge of conspiracy in putting the five-guilder bogus notes. Joshua Tagart, detective, testified as to the arrest of Mr. Boell, the recovery of a considerable number of the counterfeit notes, and one of the plates used in the printing of them.

Mr. Etsler, detective of New York, testified that on Monday last some of the notes were offered in New York and their counterfeit character was detected; he proceeded to the broker's office where the notes were offered and took into custody a young man, who said that he obtained them from his uncle, William Boell, residing at Philadelphia; he gave the information that the notes were kept in the third-story room of his uncle's residence; in company with witness Kelso came on to Philadelphia and proceeded to the house; the lady refused to give the key of the room wherein the trunk was kept through the window, seized the contents of the trunk, and had to force the door open to get out.

Mr. Miller testified that he printed the notes for Mr. Boell about eight months since; had seen Mr. Herbert, cigarmaker, about the place; he thought they were being printed for cigar labels; I printed ten thousand of them; may be a few more; used three stones in the printing of them; I never saw a genuine five-guilder note; did not know these were counterfeits; understood a card was to be put into each box of cigars; I did not put the stamp upon them; (stamp mark shown;) this was put on after I printed them; the words "five-guilder note" were put on after I printed them; don't know by whom.

Frederick Steefsworn.—Knew Herbert, for whom the witness said he purchased; bought 5,000 from him; he said he had received them as a legacy from relatives in Germany; in cashing them he entered security; the notes were sent to Germany, and were sent back; they were good; the security was then released; it was not until the passage of the bill that he learned that the character of the notes was made known; a New York house also lost by the same kind of a transaction.

Herbert is among the missing. We understand that upward of $50,000 of this worthless trash was disposed of—probably more.

The defendant was required to enter bail to await another hearing. A five-guilder note is worth about two dollars; therefore the loss sustained by Mr. Steef is about three thousand dollars.

Alleged Hotel Thief.

A young man, calling himself H. S. Weston was arraigned for a larceny at the Girard Station, on the charge of stealing a coat, which he had pawned with Mr. P. R. Hyde on December 9th, was recovered by Detective Lamon, and identified by Mr. Ward as the property of his house.

Thomas Bennet identified his coat, that was stolen from the possession of a boarder, Tuesday morning, and traced to the pawnbroker's shop.

The accused was required to enter bail in the sum of $2,000 to answer.

We may state that the defendant looks very much like a hotel thief that was arrested some eight years since, for lifting coats at the Girard House. At that time he nearly the same dress he now wears. Weston is young. When accused by the old detective, George Gallanan, he replied, pettishly, don't call me Jerome, you're mistaken in your man. The detective is *not* often mistaken in such matters.

Arrested on Suspicion.

Thomas Todd, alias Thomas Wilson, and William Smith, were arraigned on suspicion of being thieves. Detective Lamon testified that he had "pined" the defendants from one store to another, flour, dry goods, and clothing stores, and came to the conclusion they were lighting off from different places. Todd was arrested a short time since at the St Louis Hotel, under suspicious circumstances, he has never been tried, there was a thing native against them in the present case, yet there was sufficient suspicion entertained by Alderman Beitler to require them to enter bail in the sum of $1,000 to be of no future good behavior. The magistrate, in coming to this conclusion, said to the prisoners that if they were again brought before him, under similar circumstances, he would impose the penalty of the ninety-day law upon them.

(Before Mr. Alderman Williams.)

Larceny.

Michael Tracy was arraigned yesterday on the charge of the larceny of ten pairs of shoes. He had taken them out to match a boy, but did not return them. He was committed to answer.

LEGAL INTELLIGENCE.

Supreme Court at Nisi Prius—Judge Strong.

Holland vs. Mount. An action to recover damages for an assault and battery committed upon the plaintiff. Before reported. Verdict for plaintiff for $125.

District Court—Judge Stroud.

Hurst & Mazee vs. French, Richards, & Co. An action to recover for coal oil sold and delivered to defendants. Before reported. Verdict for plaintiff for $437.56.

Paul vs. Bateson. An action to recover for the loss of two horses which fell into a well on the premises of defendant, which, it is alleged, was imperfectly guarded. Before reported. Verdict for defendant.

William H. Kern, to the use of Chas. E. Coulston vs. William Yerger. An action on a replevin bond. Verdict for plaintiff, subject to the points of law reserved for the court in banc.

Alexander H. Fox and Joseph Budd vs. Robert Hume and James Hume. An action of ejectment to recover possession of a house and lot in the northwest corner of Fifth and Noble streets. The action was brought against the defendants as tenants, and a Mrs. Hankenson, who claims to be the owner, came in and defends. From the evidence, it appears that the plaintiffs having obtained a judgment against Thos. Hankenson, the husband of Mrs. Hankenson, issued their execution and levied on this property as his. At the sheriff's sale notice was given that the property was the separate estate of Mrs. Hankenson, and did not sell belong to her husband. The plaintiffs purchased the property for $100, and then brought this action of ejectment. Jury out. Geo. W. Thorn for plaintiffs; Frederick Beyer for defendant.

Court of Common Pleas—Judge Allison.

Crowley and wife vs. Harrison. An action of slander by reason of the following words: charged to have been spoken of plaintiff's wife by the defendant. Verdict for plaintiff for 25 cents. W. L. Hirst, Esq., for plaintiff; D. Dougherty, Esq., for defendant.

Court of Oyer and Terminer and Quarter Sessions—Judge Thompson.

FURTHER ABOUT THE POSTPONEMENT OF THE HOMICIDE CASES—REMONSTRANCE OF A JUROR.

Yesterday one of the jurors asked and obtained leave of the court to say a few words in reply to the remarks made by the district attorney of the day before, that the Commonwealth do not deem it safe to try any *white man* for murder before the present panel.

He said he had been summoned to serve as a juror in this court, not, certainly, by his own desire. He had been sworn to try the cases, and to render a verdict according to the evidence; that in the conclusions arrived at he had been totally uninfluenced by fear, favor, or affection, and had throughout had in view only a conscientious discharge of his duty which he had sworn to perform. So far as he was concerned, he would, as a juror, guard as rigidly the rights of life and liberty of a black man as he would those of a white man, for they were as dear to one as the other. Having said so much for himself, he would say for his associates on both juries. He was satisfied they had only had throughout a conscientious desire faithfully to perform their duties.

After the remarks of the district attorney of the court was resumed. All of the day's session was devoted to the trial of prison cases, the dock being crowded with prisoners.

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LETTER BAGS

AT THE MERCHANTS' EXCHANGE, PHILADELPHIA.

Ship Robert Cushman, Otis.....Liverpool, soon
Ship Catharine, Freeman.....Liverpool, soon
Bark Guiding Star, Bearse.....Liverpool, soon
Bark Florence Chipman, Jones.....Liverpool, soon

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF PHILADELPHIA, April 17, 1863.

SUN RISES.....5 19—SUN SETS.....6 40
HIGH WATER.....1 52

ARRIVED

Schr Georgia, Gilchrist, from Cardenas 24 inst, with molasses to John Mason & Co.
Schr L E Myers, Somers, from Port Royal, in ballast to captain.
Schr Clio, Lewis, 1 day from Milton, Del, with grain to Christian & Co.
Schr Manhattan, Kirby, from Wilmington, Del, in ballast to captain.
Schr Sarah, Benson, 6 days from New Bedford, with oil to Bunting & Jones.
Schr Mantua, Maxon, 1 day from Frederica, Del, with corn to Jas Barratt & Son.
Steamer Novelty, Shaw, 24 hours from York, with mdse to W M Baird & Co.
Steamer Fairchild, Trout, 24 hours from New York, with mdse to W M Baird & Co.
Steamer S P Phelps, Brown, 20 hours from New York, with mdse to W M Baird & Co.
Steamtug America, Virden, 8 hours from Brandywine (Lisle), having towed thereto ship Rockingham, for Panama; left her at anchor at 10 A M on Wednesday, in company with ship Northampton, for Pensacola. Passed in the bay ship Constellation, from New York; bark S D Rysenn, from Belfast; brigs Ellen P Stewart, from New Orleans; Henry Leeds, and Brothers, names unknown, deeply laden, and a number of schooners, all bound up.

CLEARED.

Schr Jonathan May, Cobb, Sagua la Grande, Stewart, Carron & Co.
Schr Angelia, Lee, Key West, Curtis & Knight
Schr Quicksteep, Richardson, Boston, L Audenried & Co.
Schr Sarah Matilda, Armstrong, N York, Twells & Co.
Schr N Tyler, Ogden, Alexandria, Tyler, Stone & Co.
Schr M Tilton, Tilton, Fort Royal, Hunter, Norton & Co.
Schr Morning Light, Ruark, Washington, N Jones.
Schr M Massey, Smith, New York, W M Baird & Co.
Str J S Shriver, Dennis, Baltimore, A Groves, Jr.

(Correspondence of the Philadelphia Exchange.)
SOMERS' POINT, N.J., April 14.

The bark Lawrence, from Messina for Philadelphia, laden with fruit and brimstone, before reported ashore on Peck's Beach, will be a total loss. She has been stripped, and 1280 boxes orange- and lemons have been landed in good order. The remaining dry portion of the cargo, say 800 boxes lemons, &c. will be landed to-morrow in good order, and the wet part will also be landed to-morrow or Thur-day, and will bring their value at Boston. The brimstone, which is in bulk, will be saved. The vessel is twenty years old, and much the worse for wear.

MEMORANDA.

Ship Caroline Tucker, hence 25th Nov for Acapulco, put into Valparaiso 17th ult. leaky, and in charge of her first officer. Mr. Miner, Capt J B Coombs, her late commander, having been washed overboard by a heavy sea off Cape Horn, which completely covered the vessel. Mr Miner is said to have been miraculously saved, though badly injured.

Bark J W Seaver, Snow, for Hong Kong, cleared at Boston 15th inst.

Bark Ann Elizabeth, Norgrave, at Sierra Leone 10th ult. for Gambia in 2 days.

Bark Baltasara, Robertson, cleared at Liverpool 31st ult. for Philadelphia.

Bark Edwin, Lindsey, for Philadelphia, entered out at Liverpool 30th ult.

Bark Percy, Dunham, was loading at Shields 30th ult. for Philadelphia—not as before.

Brig Seio, Wooster, hence, arrived at Trinidad 24 inst.

Brig Eliza (Br) for Philadelphia, cleared at Messina 23d ult.

Brig Julia Ford, Burgess, cleared at Port Royal 6th inst. for Philadelphia.

Schr Will o' the Whisp, Hunt, sailed from Messina 23d ult. for Philadelphia.

Schr Telegraph, Nickerson, hence, arrived at Boston 15th inst.

Schr D Webster, Perry, cleared at New York 15th inst. for Philadelphia.

Schr Prince Alfred, Garwood, sailed from Pawtucket 14th inst. for Philadelphia.

Schr Susan E Jayne, Bailey, hence, arrived at Mystic 13th inst.

The U S ship Ino, Acting Master James M Williams, from a cruise in the North and Atlantic Oceans, and last from St Helena and the Ascension Islands, arrived at New York 15th inst

PROPOSALS.

ASSISTANT QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE,
PHILADELPHIA, 6th April, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until MONDAY, the 20th instant, at 12 o'clock M., for supplying and delivering to the following U S A Hospitals, Offices, Storehouses, &c., all the COAL and WOOD required for the use of such buildings, from the 1st of May, 1863, until the 30th April, 1864, inclusive:

Hospital at Broad and Cherry streets, Philadelphia.
Do. at Sixth and Master streets, do.
Do. at Twenty-fourth and South streets, do.
Do. at Twenty-fifth and Norris streets, do.
Do. at Sixteenth and Filbert streets, do.
Do. at Tenth and Christian streets, do.
Do. at Islington lane, do.
Do. at Germantown, do.
Do. at Westtown, do.
Do. at Chestnut Hill, do.
Do. at Nicetown, "McClellan," do.
Do. at West Philadelphia, do.
Do. at Chester, Pa. do.
Do. on Darby road, "Summit House." do.
Provost Barracks at Fifth and Buttonwood sts., Phila.
Med. Laboratory at Sixth and Green sts., Phila.
Offices of the Quartermaster and Army Clothing and Equipage, at Twelfth and Girard streets, Phila.
Offices of the Medical Purveyor, and Mustering Department, No. 1102 Girard Street, Philadelphia.
Offices of the Military Hospital, Broad and Cherry, Phila.
Offices of the Military Headquarters, Medical Director, &c., No. 1219 Girard street, Phila.
Office of the Medical Purveyor, No. 7, North Fifth street, Philadelphia.
Storehouse at Twenty-fourth and Chestnut streets, Phila.
do at Twenty-third and Filbert streets, Phila.
do on Broad near Cherry street, Phila.
Schuylkill Arsenal, on Gray's Ferry road, and buildings connected therewith;
and any other building in which may be erected or rented for Hospital or other Government purposes, within the city limits, during the time specified, the COAL to be of the quality known as egg, stove, egg, or broken, as may be desired subject to inspection; to weigh 2,240 pounds to the ton to be delivered at such places in the city and in such as may be required. The right is reserved to reject all bids deemed to be unreasonable. Separate proposals for supplying Hospitals, &c., with coal or wood;" and addressed to

A. BOYD, Captain and A. Q. M.

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QUARTERMASTER GENERAL'S OFFICE, WASHINGTON, March 26, 1863.—Owners of steam vessels are invited to send to the Quartermaster General's Office tenders for their charter or sale. Tenders should contain a description of the vessel, their dimensions, enrolled or registered tonnage, actual carrying capacity, material, whether iron or wood, side wheel or propellers, whether iron or copper-fastened; size and power of engines and boilers; and should state the price at which they are offered for sale or charter, with the estimated value of the vessels in case of loss, or in case the Government should prefer to purchase instead of chartering.

Owners of steam vessels already in the service of the Quartermaster's Department are very desirous to make known to the Department any reduction in their present rates which they may be willing to make, and also the price at which they will be willing to sell them.

All such tenders should be addressed to the Quartermaster General of the United States, in Washington, and should be endorsed "Proposals for Charter or Sale of Steamers."

When received they will be considered, and the Department will endeavor to reduce the heavy expense attending army transportation by the ocean, lakes, and waters, by substituting, whenever it can do so, cheaper vessels of equal capacity for those now employed.

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OFFICE OF THE SIGNAL OFFICER.

WASHINGTON, D. C., April 11, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until 4 o'clock P. M. on the 30th day of April, 1863, for furnishing to the Signal Department the following articles:

300 Three hundred Telescopes, complete.
300 Two hundred Marine Glasses, complete.
200 Two hundred and fifty Compasses.
40 Forty Telescopes, extra size, with stands.

The first delivery to be made about the 15th day of June, 1863, or as soon thereafter as Government may direct the balance to be delivered on or before the 15th day of August, 1863.

A bond with good and sufficient security will be required.

Proposals from disloyal persons, or where the bidder is not present to respond to his bid, will not be considered.

The names of *firms* should be stated in full, with the precise address of each member of the firm.

All bids to be accompanied by two guarantees, and directed to the Signal Officer of the Army, and endorsed "Proposals for Field Signal Equipments."

Form of Guarantee.

We, —, of the county of —, and State of —, do hereby guaranty that — is able to fulfil the contract in accordance with the terms of his proposal, and that he should his proposition be accepted, he will at once enter into a contract in accordance therewith.

Should the contract be awarded him, we are prepared to become his sureties

(This guarantee cannot be appended to each bid.)

The responsibility of the guarantors must be shown by the official certificate of the Clerk of the District Court or of the United States District Attorney.

The right is reserved to reject all proposals if the prices are deemed too high, or if for any cause it is not deemed for the public interest to accept them.

Proposals will be sealed and addressed to "GENERAL A. W. RIBLEY, Chief of Ordnance, Washington, D. C., and will be endorsed "Proposals for Wrought Iron Beams," or "Proposals for Field Signal Equipments."

ap6-fu8t Brigadier General, Chief Ordnance.

ARMY CLOTHING AND EQUIPAGE OFFICE, TWELFTH and GIRARD Sts.—PHILADELPHIA, March 31st, 1863.

SEALED PROPOSALS are invited and will be received at this Office until 12 o'clock M. on FRIDAY, the 24th day of April, 1863, for furnishing and delivering at the Schuylkill Arsenal, subject to inspection and approval, the following articles, to be of army standard pattern in all respects. Samples of the different articles can be seen at the office.

Uniform Hats, Black felt.
Forage Caps of indigo wool-dyed dark blue cloth.
Shirts, woolen, of white or gray domet flannel.
Shirts, linen.
Drawers of Canton flannel.
Stockings, woolen, to weigh three (3) pounds to the dozen.
Bootees, hand-sewed or machine quilted.
Boots, for Cavalry, hand-sewed.
Blankets, gray woolen, to be seven (7) feet long, five (5) feet inches wide, and to weigh 6 pounds each.
Blankets, painted on cotton, water-proof, for Infantry, grommetted, to be also used for Shelter Tents.
Ponchos, painted on cotton, for mounted men; water-proof and grummetted, to be used also as a Shelter Tent.
Trowsers, of sky-blue Kersey, free from Shoddy, for mounted men.
Haversacks, painted, of cotton or linen.
Canteens of corrugated tin.
Hospital Tents and Flies, of cotton or linen duck, of 12 oz. to the 28 inches wide for the floor, and 10 oz. for the Flies—the United States to furnish the Buttons and Slips.
Wall Tents and Flies, do. do. do. The United States to furnish the Buttons and Slips.
Shelter Tents of 8-oz. Cotton or Linen Duck, closely woven, and warp and woof of same size and strength; a sample of one yard of the duck must accompany each bid for these tents.
Felling Axes.
Camp Hatchets.
Felling-axe Handles.
Camp-hatchet Handles.
Pick Axes.
Spades, Steel Back-strap.
Shovels, do. do.
Mess Pans.
Camp Kettles.
Drums, Infantry, complete.
Fifes, B and C.
Regimental General Order Books.
Do. Letter do.
Do. Descriptive do.
Do. Index do.
Do. Order do.
Do. Target Practice do.
Do. Inspection do.
Company Order do.
Do. Clothing Account do.
Do. Descriptive do.
Do. Morning Report do.
Post Order do.
Post Letter do.
Post Morning Report do.
Post Guard Report do.
Guidons, of Silk, for Cavalry.

Persons bidding on articles of "Hardware," not according to the Army Standard, are requested to send samples with their bids. Bidders will state in their proposals the quantity bid for and the time of delivery, and also give the names of two sufficient sureties for the faithful fulfillment of the contract, if awarded. *All samples* must be marked with the bidder's name, in order to insure their safe return. The United States reserves the right to reject all, or any portion of bids, when the price is deemed too high. Bidders are invited to be present at the opening of the proposals.

Too high. G. H. CROSMAN,
mh31-22t Asst. Quartermaster General U. S. A.

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PUBLIC SALE.—WILL BE SOLD, ON the premises, on SATURDAY, April 18, at 2 o'clock P. M., a desirable COUNTRY