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ATTORNEY AND COUNSELLOR AT LAW,
533 New Jersey Avenue, Washington, D C.
☞ Prompt attention will be given to all business in the Supreme Court, Court of Claims, Patent Office, War and Navy Departments. [nov 25-tf

Dr. JOSEPH COBLENTZ,
OFFERS HIS PROFESSIONAL SERVICES to the citizens of Reading and vicinity. He can be consulted in German and English. Office and residence, 441 Penn street, adjoining the Farmers' Bank.
October 31, 1863-1y*

JESSE G. HAWLEY,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
HAS REMOVED HIS OFFICE TO NORTH Sixth Street, opposite the Keystone House, Reading.
April 11, 1863-tf

JOHN RALSTON,
ATTORNEY AT LAW,
OFFICE WITH A. B. WANNER, NORTH Sixth Street, (above the Court House,) Reading, Pa.
February 21, 1863-1y

REMOVAL.
WILLIAM H. LIVINGOOD, ATTORNEY AT LAW, has removed his office to the north side of Court street first door below Sixth. [dec 22-tf

Charles Davis,
ATTORNEY AT LAW—HAS REMOVED HIS Office to the Office lately occupied by the Hon. David F. Gordon, deceased, in Sixth street, opposite the Court House. [april 14

Daniel Ermentrout,
ATTORNEY AT LAW—OFFICE IN NORTH Sixth street, corner of Court alley. [aug 13-1y

David Neff,
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALER IN Foreign and Domestic DRY GOODS, No. 25 East Penn street, Reading, Pa. [March 10, 1860.

LEBANON VALLEY INSTITUTE,
ANNVILLE, LEBANON COUNTY, PA.
A SELECT BOARDING SCHOOL.—COURSE of Instruction thorough and complete—number of Boarders limited. Vacations in September and October. Expenses per quarter $35. For Circulars and information, address,
March 7-tf] W.J. BURNSIDE, Annville, Pa

LIVINGOOD'S
United States Bounty, Back Pay and Pension Office,
COURT STREET, NEAR SIXTH.
HAVING BEEN ENGAGED IN COLLECTING claims against the Government, I feel confident that all who have heretofore employed me will cheerfully endorse my promptness and fidelity. My charges are moderate and no charge made until obtained.
WILLIAM H. LIVINGOOD,
oct 18-tf] Attorney at Law, Court St., Reading, Pa.

DISCHARGED SOLDIERS
CAN NOW OBTAIN THEIR $100 BOUNTY from the U. S. Government, by application to
ASNEE K. STAUFFER,
March 7-tf] Collection Office, Court Street, Reading.

ASA M. HART,
(Late Hart & Mayer,)
DEALER IN FOREIGN AND AMERICAN DRY GOODS, CARPETINGS, &c., Wholesale and Retail, at Philadelphia prices. Sign of the Golden Bee Hive, No 14 East Penn Square. [april 17-tf

P. Bushong & Sons,
MANUFACTURERS OF BURNING FLUID, Absolute, Deodorized and Druggists' Alcohol; also, Fine Oil, which they will sell at the lowest Wholesale prices, at Reading, Pa.
☞ Orders respectfully solicited. [march 12

G. M. MILLER, M. D.,
Eclectic Physician and Surgeon,
A GRADUATE OF THE ECLECTIC MEDICAL College Philadelphia, offers his professional services to the citizens of Hamburg and vicinity. Painful Surgical operations, such as Setting Broken and Dislocated Limbs, Amputations, Cutting Cancers, Tumors, &c., will be performed under the influence of Ether, at the consent of the patient.
☞ Office at his residence in Main street, Hamburg, Pa.
May 9, 1863-tf

DR. T. YARDLEY BROWN,
SURGEON DENTIST.
GRADUATE OF PENNSYLVANIA Dental College. Teeth extracted by Francis' Electro Magnetic process, with Clarke's improvement. With this method teeth are extracted with much less pain than the usual way. No extra charge. Office in Fifth street, opposite the Presbyterian Church. [april 2-1y

SOLDIERS'
BOUNTY-MONEY, BACK-PAY AND PENSION CLAIMS
PROMPTLY ATTENDED TO BY
A. K. STAUFFER,
Attorney at Law, Office in Court Street,
Jan 31-tf] READING, PA.

BOUNTY MONEY, BACK-PAY AND PENSIONS.
APPLICATIONS PROMPTLY ATTENDED to.
E. H. SHEARER, Attorney at Law,
May 30-tf] Office in Court Street, Reading.

J. WESLEY SHIDERS,
Sign, House and Wall Painter,
No. 10 NORTH FOURTH STREET,
READING.
N. B.—GRAINING, GLAZING, BRONZING, Gilding on Glass and China, Glossing, &c.
☞ Work in the country promptly attended to.
November 14, 1863-6m

F. P. HELLER,
WATCHMAKER, JEWELER,
AND DEALER IN
WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY,
SPOONS, SPECTACLES, GOLD PENS, &c., Sign of the "BIG WATCH," No. 63½ East Penn Street, above Sixth, north side, Reading, Pa.
☞ Every article warranted to be what it is sold for. Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, &c., repaired with particular attention, and guaranteed. [feb 1-tf

FOR SALE AT THE OLD JAIL, THE CHOICEest variety of Bar and Hotel Glass, China and Queensware furniture ever offered in Reading.

BALTIMORE LOCK HOSPITAL,
☞ ESTABLISHED AS A REFUGE FROM QUACKERY.
The Only Place Where a Cure Can be Obtained.
DR. JOHNSTON HAS DISCOVERED THE most Certain, Speedy and only Effectual Remedy in the World for all Private Diseases, Weakness of the Back or Limbs, Strictures, Affections of the Kidneys and Bladder, Involuntary Discharges, Impotency, General Debility, Nervousness, Dyspepsia, Languor, Low Spirits, Confusion, of Ideas, Palpitation of the Heart, Timidity, Trembling, Dimness of Sight or Giddiness, Disease of the Head, Throat, Nose or Skin, Affections of the Liver, Lungs, Stomach or Bowels—those Terrible Disorders arising from the Solitary Habits of Youth—those SECRET and solitary practices more fatal to their victims than the song of Syrens to the Mariners of Ulysses, blighting their most brilliant hopes or anticipations, rendering marriage, &c., impossible.
YOUNG MEN
Especially, who have become the victims of Solitary Vice, that dreadful and destructive habit which annually sweeps to an untimely grave thousands of Young Men of the most exalted talents and brilliant intellect, who might otherwise have entranced listening Senates, with the thunders of eloquence or waked to ecstasy the living lyre, may call with full confidence.
MARRIAGE.
Married Persons, or Young Men contemplating marriage, being aware of physical weakness, organic debility, deformities speedily cured.
He who places himself under the care of Dr. J. may religiously confide in his honor as a gentleman, and confidently rely upon his skill as a physician.
ORGANIC WEAKNESS
Immediately Cured and Full Vigor Restored.
This Distressing Affection—which renders Life and Marriage impossible—is the penalty paid by the victims of improper indulgences. Young persons are too apt to commit excesses from not being aware of the dreadful consequences that may ensue. Now, who that understand the subject will pretend to deny that the power of procreation is lost sooner by those falling into improper habits than by the prudent? Besides being deprived of the pleasure of healthy offspring the most serious and destructive symptoms to both body and mind arise. The system becomes Deranged, the Physical and Mental Functions Weakened, Loss of Procreative Power, Nervous Irritability, Dyspepsia, Palpitation of the Heart, Indigestion, Constitutional Debility, a wasting of the Frame, Cough, Consumption, Decay and Death.
Office, No. 7 South Frederick Street.
Left hand side going from Baltimore street, a few doors from the corner. Fail not to observe name and number.
Letters must be paid and contain a stamp. The Doctor's Diploma hangs in his office.
A CURE WARRANTED IN TWO DAYS.
No Mercury or Nauseous Drugs.
DR. JOHNSTON,
Member of the Royal College of Surgeons, London, Graduate from one of the most eminent Colleges in the United States, and the greater part of whose life has been spent in the hospitals of London, Paris, Philadelphia and elsewhere, has effected some of the most astonishing cures that were ever known; many troubled with ringing in the head and ears when asleep, great nervousness, being alarmed at sudden sounds, bashfulness, with frequent blushing, attended sometime with derangement of mind, were cured immediately.
TAKE PARTICULAR NOTICE.
Dr. J. addresses all those who have injured themselves by improper indulgence and solitary habits, which ruin both body and mind, unfitting them for either business, study, society or marriage.
These are some of the sad and melancholy effects produced by early habits of youth, viz: Weakness of the Back and Limbs, Pains in the Head, Dimness of Sight, Loss of Muscular Power, Palpitation of the Heart, Dyspepsia, Nervous Irritability, Derangement of the Digestive Functions, General Debility, Symptoms of Consumption, &c.
Mentality.—The fearful effects on the mind are much to be dreaded—Loss of Memory, Confusion of Ideas, Depression of Spirits, Evil Forbodings, Aversion to Society, Self-Distrust, Love of Solitude, Timidity, &c., are some of the evils produced.
Thousands of persons of all ages can now judge what is the cause of their declining health, losing their vigor, becoming weak, pale, nervous and emaciated, having a singular appearance about the eyes, cough and symptoms of consumption.
YOUNG MEN
Who have injured themselves by a certain practice indulged in when alone, a habit frequently learned from evil companions, or at school, the effects of which are nightly felt, even when asleep, and if not cured renders marriage impossible, and destroys both mind and body, should apply immediately.
What a pity that a young man, the hope of his country, the darling of his parents, should be snatched from all Prospects and enjoyments of life, by the consequence of deviating from the path of nature and indulging in a certain secret habit. Such persons must, before contemplating
MARRIAGE,
reflect that a sound mind and body are the most necessary requisites to promote connubial happiness. Indeed, without these the journey through life becomes a weary pilgrimage; the prospect hourly darkens to the view; the mind becomes shadowed with despair and filled with the melancholy reflection that the happiness of another becomes blighted with our own.
DISEASE OF IMPRUDENCE.
When the misguided and impruden votary of pleasure finds that he has imbibed the seeds of this painful disease, it too often happens that an ill-timed sense of shame, or dread of discovery, deters him from applying to those who, from education and respectability, can alone befriend him, delaying till the constitutional symptoms of this horrid disease make their appearance, such as ulcerated sore throat, diseased nose, nocturnal pains in the head and limbs, dimness of sight, deafness, nodes on the shin-bones and arms, blotches on the head, face and extremities, progressing with frightful rapidity, till at last the palate of the mouth or the bones of the nose fall in, and the victim of this awful disease becomes a horrid object of commiseration, till death puts a period to his dreadful sufferings, by sending him to "that Undiscovered Country from whence no traveller returns."
It is a *melancholy fact* that thousands fall victims to this terrible disease, owing to the unskillfulness of ignorant pretenders, who, by the use of that *Deadly Poison, Mercury*, ruin the constitution and make the residue of life miserable.
STRANGERS
Trust not your lives, or health, to the care of many Unlearned and worthless Pretenders, destitute of knowledge, name or character, who copy Dr. Johnston's advertisements, or style themselves, in the newspapers, regularly Educated Physicians, incapable of Curing, they keep you trifling month after month taking their filthy and poisonous compounds, or as long as the smallest fee can be obtained, and in despair, leave you with ruined health to sigh over your own galling disappointment.
Dr. Johnston is the only Physician advertising.
His credentials or diplomas always hang in his office.
His remedies or treatment are unknown to all others, prepared from a life spent in the great hospitals of Europe, the first in the country and a more extensive *Private Practice* than any other Physician in the world.
INDORSEMENT OF THE PRESS.
The many thousands cured at this institution year after year, and the numerous important Surgical Operations performed by Dr. Johnston witnessed by the reporters of the "Sun," "Clipper," and many other papers, notices of which have appeared again and again before the public, besides his standing as a gentleman of character and responsibility, is a sufficient guarantee to the afflicted.
Skin Diseases Speedily Cured.
☞ No letters received unless post-paid and containing a stamp to be used on the reply. Persons writing should state age, and send portion of advertisement describing symptoms.
JOHN M. JOHNSTON, M. D.,
Of the Baltimore Lock Hospital, Baltimore, Maryland.
May 23--1y

WILLIAM PENN HOUSE,
CORNER OF PENN AND TENTH STS.,
READING, PA.
BERTOLETTE GRANT, Proprietor.
THIS HOUSE BEING A LICENSED TAVERN, the best of Liquors are kept at the Bar, and as good a table as any other Hotel in the county. Accommodations for Boarders and Travellers. Charges reasonable.
☞ Lunch from 9 to 11 o'clock, daily. [June 6-tf

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A BEAUTIFUL ASSORTMENT OF
FROSTY BEAVERS,
A NEW AND ELEGANT ARTICLE FOR
LADIES' WEAR,
JUST RECEIVED AND FOR SALE BY
JAMESON & CO.,
CORNER OF SIXTH AND PENN STS.
oct 24

500 New Shape Hoop Skirts.
OF THE BEST QUALITY, JUST OPENED and for sale at low prices.
A. M HART,
oct 17] East Market Square.

FOR SALE AT THE OLD JAIL, 200 WHIET Granite Tea Setts of the newest style.
FOR SALE AT THE OLD JAIL, 300 GRANITE Dinner Setts of the newest style.
FOR SALE AT THE OLD JAIL, 1000 SETS Common Teaware.
FOR SALE AT THE OLD JAIL, THE LARGest assortment of Liverpool Ware ever offered in Reading.
FOR SALE AT THE OLD JAIL, A LARGE assortment of Pittsburgh, Boston and French Glassware of every description.
FOR SALE AT THE OLD JAIL, 60 BARRELS Mackerel at Philadelphia prices.
march 21 WILLIAM RHOADS, Jr.

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DEALER IN
DRY GOODS,
FINE GROCERIES, PROVISIONS,
PRESERVES, FRUITS, &c., &c.,
No. 604
PENN STREET, ABOVE SIXTH,
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WE WOULD RESPECTFULLY CALL THE attention of the citizens of Reading and vicinity, to our large stock of Fine Groceries, comprising in part the following, to wit:
NATURAL FRUITS, IN SYRUPS.
FRESH CANNED PEACHES,
GREEN GAGES,
FRESH PINE APPLE,
FRESH STRAWBERRIES,
SUPERIOR FRESH TOMATOES,
FRESH GREEN CORN,
WINSLOW'S PATENT GREEN CORN.
Also, the following, put up in glass jars:
FRESH PEACHES,
FRESH PLUMS,
QUINCES,
CURRANTS,
GRAPES,
GOOSEBERRIES,
BLACKBERRIES,
TOMATOES.
JELLIES, put up in glass tumblers:
CURRANT, STRAWBERRY, AND RASPBERRY.
DOMESTIC DRIED FRUITS:
Apples, Peaches, Cherries, Seedless Cherries, New-York State Plums, Black Berries, Elder Berries,
FRUITS:
Lemons, Layer Raisins, Bunch Raisins, Seedless Raisins, Currants, Citron, Lemon Peel, Figs, Turkey Prunes, Cranberries, Green Apples.
PICKLES, &c.:
Plain and Mixed PICKLES, in glass jars. Also, by the dozen or less.
Extra Tomato Catsup, Horse Radish, Chow Chow, Prepared French Mustard, Virgin Oil, Olive Oil.
EXTRACTS:
Burnett's Superior Extract of Vanilla, Burnett's Superior Extract of Lemon, Leavitt's Extract of Almond, Leavitt's Extract of Rose, Richards' Liquid Rennet, Essence Lemon, Cinnamon, &c.
MOLASSES:
Lovering's Extra Syrup; Sugar House Syrup; New-York Syrup; Southwark Syrup.
SUGARS:
Brown and Refined Sugars of all qualities and prices.
COFFEE:
Java, Rio, Wheat and Rye Coffee; Army Coffee; Almore's Coffee; Middleton's Java and Middleton's Dandelion Coffee; Miles' Sano Coffee; Superior Santos Coffee.
TEAS:
Imperial, Young Hyson, and Superior Black Teas.
Baker's Chocolate, Baker's Cocoa, Baker's Broma.
Oswego Corn Starch,
Hecker's Farina,
Rich Mild Cheese,
New City Sugar Cured Ham,
Shoulders and Flitch,
New No. 1, 2 and 3 Mackerel,
Herring and Codfish,
New Mess Shad,
Soda Farina and Water Crackers,
Ginger Snaps and Almond Cakes,
New Hominy and Beans,
Pearl Barley, Rice Flour and Rice,
Essence Coffee and Succory,
Sweet Cider, Pure Cider Vinegar and Patent Vinegar.
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Non-explosive Coal Oil,
Marseilles Castile Soap,
Variegated, Windsor and Honey Soap.
Linen, Detersive, Oleine, Olive and Home-made Soap,
Silver Gloss Starch, Pearl Starch,
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Excelsior Stove Polish, Indigo Blue,
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Tying and Wick Yarn,
Woolen Yarn and Cotton Rolls,
Hazard's Congress Paste Shoe Blacking,
Nuttall's Nonpareil Shoe Blacking,
Pure and fresh Spices of all kinds.
☞ Give us a call, at **No. 604** Penn Street, above 6th,
nov 21] FRANK. B. FICHTHORN.

THE COLUMBIA INSURANCE COMPANY,
OF COLUMBIA, LANCASTER COUNTY, PA.
CHARTER PERPETUAL.
THIS COMPANY CONTINUES TO INSURE Buildings, Merchandize, and other property, against loss and damage by fire, on the mutual plan, either for a cash premium or premium note.
The large and increasing capital of the Company, consisting of premium notes given by its members, and based upon
$1,475,789 35,
Insured on the mutual plan, affords a reliable guarantee equal to ten times the average loss on the amount insured: and the Directors pledge themselves to deal as liberally with those who may sustain loss or damage as the case will admit of, consistent with justice to all parties concerned.

Amount of Premium Notes, $155,620 49		
Balance of Cash Premiums unexpended, January 1st, 1862,	$1,668 57	
Cash receipts during the year 1862, less agents' commissions,	6,781 47	
Cash receipts in January, 1863,	895 80	
		$9,345 84
Losses and Expenses paid during the year 1862,	6,329 73	
Balance unexpended, Feb. 2d, 1863,	3,016 11	
		$9,345 84

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☞ PHILIP ZIEBER. Ninth and Penn streets, Reading, is the Agent for the above-named Company, and will take risks in city and country at the lowest rates.
June 13, 1863-6mo*

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A SPLENDID STEEL PLATE MEZZOTINT ENGRAVING OF
Major-General George B. McClellan,
ON THE BATTLE FIELD OF ANTIETAM.
Size of Picture, 19¼ by 24 inches.
THE ORIGINAL PAINTING WAS MADE from life, to order of the publisher, by the celebrated Artist, C Schussele, Esq., (who is the only one the General ever sat to.) It represents him on his celebrated horse Daniel Webster, (*presented to him by the citizens of Cincinnati,*) taking an observation of the field, in the latter part of the day, as the Rebels were falling back. In the foreground are seen the desolations of the battle—broken guns, shattered trees, &c. In the distance, amongst the smoke and dust, are staff officers, artillery, cavalry and infantry. The whole picture is an admirable composition, and displays the rare genius of the Artist.
Price of the Engraving, Single copy, $3 00
Two copies, 5 00 } To one add's.
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Persons acting as Agents and ordering one copy at three dollars, can have subsequent ones at two dollars each. Travelling Canvassers ordering largely, will be supplied on liberal terms. Address
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"THE KEY NOTE," A NEW COLLECTION of Church and Singing Music, by W. B. Bradbury, is ready at last, and the publishers believe will well repay the many Singing Schools and Choirs which have been waiting for it. Some indication of Mr. Bradbury's popularity as an author is afforded in the fact that the whole of the first edition of ten thousand copies of this new book were ordered in *advance of publication.* Other editions will follow immediately. One hundred pages are devoted to the Elements of Music, with a great amount of new Singing School Music, and nearly three hundred pages to Sacred Music, as tunes of all metres, Anthems, Chants, and other set pieces, mostly new. The work is printed throughout from large plain type, one part on a staff. Price, per dozen, $9. A single copy to any teacher, for examination by mail, postpaid, for $1. Address Mason & Hamlin, 274 Washington St., Boston, or
MASON BROTHERS, Publishers,
dec 5-3t] 5 and 7 Mercer St., New-York.

483 PENN STREET, READING,
WEST MARKET SQUARE.
THE NEW YORK DRY GOODS STORE.
IMPORTANT NOTICE
To the Purchasers of
DRY GOODS.
We are now
SELLING OFF
Our valuable stock
AT REDUCED PRICES,
In order, as nearly as possible,
TO EFFECT A CLEARANCE
In a limited period, or
BY THE FIRST DAY OF JANUARY NEXT,
And have marked down
Dress Goods from 10 to 25 per Cent.
CLOTHS AND PANTALOON STUFFS,
15 to 25 per cent.
LADIES' CLOAKS AND COATS,
15 to 25 per cent.
Shawls, Long and Square, reduced one quarter
BLANKETS REDUCED,
200 colored do. at half their value.
WOOL HOSE AND HALF HOSE,
At half price.
FLANNELS REDUCED 20 PER CENT.
Linen and Cambric Handkerchiefs at less than old prices.
QUILTS, COUNTERPANES, &c., &c.,
Decided Bargains.
The GOODS are of the best fabrics and
WARRANTED,
And need only an examination by the intelligent public to satisfy them of their worth and the great advantages now offered.
On account of extensive business transactions in New-York, the proprietor is unable to continue his personal supervision of the Reading concern. Any merchant wishing to obtain a first class location and enjoy the privilege of the prestige of the New York Dry Goods Store, will find this a rare chance to get a valuable Business Location at a moderate rent.
dec 5] CHARLES G. HOCK.

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MANUFACTURER OF PHOTOGRAPHIC ALBUMS. For sale Wholesale and Retail.
Photographic Albums! Photographic Albums!
The largest and most beautiful assortment in the city. Turkey morocco, also, relevio, antique bindings.
No. 326 CHESTNUT STREET,
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HARDING'S BIBLES AND PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS.
WE HAVE ALWAYS ON HAND,
A LARGE ASSORTMENT OF
HARDING'S BIBLES AND PHOTOGRAPH ALBUMS,
WHICH WE OFFER AT FAIR PRICES.
PURCHASERS WILL FIND IT TO THEIR advantage to call early, while the assortment is complete.
STRICKLAND & BRO.,
dec 5-1mo] 535 Penn Street, Reading, Pa.

CLOTHING.
PERSONS IN WANT OF CLOTHING, EITHER Ready-made or made to order, will do well to call on
LEVI, EINSTEIN & CO.,
No 619 Penn Street, above 6th, Reading, where will be found the largest stock of
READY-MADE CLOTHING
ever opened in Reading.
☞ Good, comfortable suit for $8 00.
Good all wool Cassimere Pants for $3 00. Other goods in proportion.
As we manufacture all our Clothing, persons can rely upon it that every article is well made and no "slopshop" work such as is generally found in Clothing Stores.
Having secured the services of Mr. Owen Kressly, formerly of Philadelphia, and Mr Jacob Ebling, who has had 25 years experience in the tailoring business throughout the country, we are prepared to take measures for Garments which we warrant to be of the latest style and finish
All goods cut at this establishment warranted to give satisfaction or no sale. [nov 28-3mo.

"INSURANCE COMPANY OF NORTH AMERICA,"
232 Walnut Street, Philadelphia.
INCORPORATED 1794.
CHARTER PERPETUAL.
Assets of the Company January 13, 1863, $1,285,435 23.
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This Company continues to make insurances against loss or damage by Fire, on Dwellings, Stores, Public Buildings, Forges, Rolling Mills, Stocks of Goods, Furniture, &c., &c., at as low rates as the nature of the risk will admit.
Applications for Insurance, Renewals, Transfers, &c., will meet with prompt attention at the hands of
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Agent for the Company in Reading,
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TAPSCOTT'S FOREIGN EXCHANGE & EMIGRATION OFFICE.
Drafts on England, IRELAND, Scotland, &c., at the Lowest Rates.
TAPSCOTT'S FAVORITE LINE OF LIVERpool and London Packets, sailing twice a Week from New-York; Liverpool and London
Each Ship carries an experienced Surgeon. Liberal supplies of Provisions, of the best quality, served daily.
When those sent for decline coming, the money is always refunded, on producing the Certificate and Receipt.
Persons living out of the City, and who wish to visit Europe, would do well to secure their Passage before leaving home; they will thus avoid being imposed upon on their arrival in New-York.
REMITTANCES TO
ENGLAND, IRELAND, SCOTLAND, &c.
LETTERS of CREDIT and DRAFTS, payable in any part of *Great Britain and Ireland*, or the CONTINENT of Europe, can always be obtained at the lowest rates; an experience of over twenty-five years has enabled us to perfect this branch of our business, so that the millions of dollars remitted through us, not a single loss has occurred.
Person in the COUNTRY, wishing to remit MONEY or send for their FRIENDS, by inclosing us the amount they wish sent, *with the name and address of the person to receive it*—or, if for Passage, the names, ages and proper address of the parties to be sent for—the necessary CERTIFICATE or DRAFT will be promptly forwarded to the parties for whom it is intended, or returned to the party paying the money, with the Receipt for same, *as they may desire.*
☞ Applicants for information will please enclose a Post Office Stamp, to ensure prompt reply.
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WILLIAM KEELY,
nov. 7, 1863-tf] Howard's Express, Reading, Pa

U. S. 5-20'S.

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY has not yet given notice of any intention to withdraw this popular Loan from Sale at Par, and until ten days notice is given, the undersigned, as "GENERAL SUBSCRIPTION AGENT," will continue to supply the public.

The whole amount of the Loan authorized is Five Hundred Millions of Dollars. NEARLY FOUR HUNDRED MILLIONS HAVE BEEN ALREADY SUBSCRIBED FOR AND PAID INTO THE TREASURY, mostly within the last seven months. The large demand from abroad, and the rapidly increasing home demand for use as the basis for circulation by National Banking Associations now organizing in all parts of the country, will, in a very short period, absorb the balance. Sales have lately ranged from ten to fifteen millions weekly, frequently exceeding three millions daily, and as it is well known that the Secretary of the Treasury has ample and unfailing resources in the Duties on Imports and Internal Revenues, and in the issue of the Interest bearing Legal Tender Treasury Notes, it is almost a certainty that he will not find it necessary, for a long time to come, to seek a market for any other long or permanent Loans, THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL OF WHICH ARE PAYABLE IN GOLD.

Prudence and self interest now force the minds of those contemplating the formation of National Banking Associations, as well as the minds of all who have idle money on their hands to the prompt conclusion that they should lose no time in subscribing to this most popular Loan. It will soon be beyond their reach, and advance to a handsome premium, as was the result with the "Seven Thirty" Loan, when it was all sold and could no longer be subscribed for at par.

IT IS A SIX PER CENT LOAN, THE INTEREST AND PRINCIPAL PAYABLE IN COIN, THUS YIELDING OVER NINE PER CENT. PER ANNUM at the present rate of premium on coin.

The Government requires all duties on imports to be paid in Coin; these duties have for a long time past amounted to over a Quarter of a Million of Dollars daily, a sum nearly three times greater than that required in the payment of the interest on all the 5-20's and other permanent Loans. So that it is hoped that the surplus Coin in the Treasury, at no distant day, will enable the United States to resume specie payments upon all liabilities.

The Loan is called 5-20 from the fact that whilst the Bonds may run for 20 years yet the Government has a right to pay them off in Gold at par, at any time after 5 years.

THE INTEREST IS PAID HALF-YEARLY, viz: on the first days of November and May.

Subscribers can have Coupon Bonds, which are payable to bearer, and are $50, $100, $500, and $1000; or Registered Bonds of same denominations, and in addition, $5,000 and $10,000. For Banking purposes and for investments of Trust-monies the Registered Bonds are preferable.

These 5-20's cannot be taxed by States, cities, towns or counties, and the Government tax on them is only one-and-a-half per cent., on the amount of income, when the income of the holder exceeds Six Hundred dollars per annum; all other investments, such as income from Mortgages, Railroad Stock and Bonds, etc., must pay from three to five per cent tax on the income.

Banks and Bankers throughout the Country will continue to dispose of the Bonds; and all orders by mail, or otherwise, promptly attended to.

The inconvenience of a few days' delay in the delivery of the Bonds is unavoidable, the demand being so great; but as interest commences from the day of subscription, no loss is occasioned, and every effort is being made to diminish the delay

JAY COOKE, Subscription Agent,
114 South Third Street, Philadelphia.
Philadelphia, December 5, 1863.

CIRCULAR No. 101.

War Department,
Provost Marshal General's Office,
Washington, November 17, 1863.

A SCOMPLAINTS HAVE BEEN MADE THAT errors have occurred in the enrollment of the national forces, by the omission of persons whose names should have been enrolled, and by the addition of names of persons who, by reason of alienage and for other causes, ought not to have been enrolled, and as it is desirable that the Department should have such information as may be necessary, in order to do full justice to all parties, it is hereby ordered:

I. The Board of Enrollment of each District shall have printed lists of the names and residences of all persons enrolled in each sub district prepared and exposed to public view in at least five places in each sub district, and in as many more as the Board may deem necessary. Names will be placed upon these lists in alphabetical order.

II. Public notice will be given by advertisement upon the list of names and in the newspapers, that any person enrolled may appear before the Board and claim to have his name stricken off the list, if he can show to the satisfaction of the Board that he is not, and will not be at the time fixed for next draft, liable to Military duty on account of

1st. Alienage.
2nd. Non residence.
3rd. Unsuitableness of age.
4th. Manifest permanent disability.

III. Persons who may be cognizant of any other persons liable to Military duty whose names do not appear on the Enrollment list are requested to notify the Board of Enrollment, who shall thereupon direct the Enrolling officer of the sub-district in which the parties reside to ascertain the facts and enroll the persons so reported if they are found to be subject to enrollment. These may avail themselves of the privilege of appearing as specified in paragraph I, as if they had been originally enrolled.

IV. Boards of Enrollment will use all diligence in collecting the necessary information and making the requisite notes to perfect the Enrollment lists.

V. Boards of Enrollment will hear cases as provided in paragraph I, until the 20th of December, 1863, after which no cases will be heard. As soon as possible thereafter a report of proposed corrections will be made out according to the printed instructions and transmitted to the Provost Marshal General.

VI. The names and residences of those proposed to be stricken off or added will be written upon sheets of Consolidated Enrollment lists, (Forms 37 and 38) and transmitted to the Provost Marshal General for the purpose of correcting the lists on file.

JAMES B. FRY,
(Signed.) Provost Marshal General
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NOTICE.

Philadelphia and Reading Rail Road.

Reading, November 28, 1863

The public is respectfully informed that on and after MONDAY, DECEMBER 14, all passengers who do not PURCHASE THEIR TICKETS Before entering the Cars, Will be charged TWENTY FIVE CENTS extra on each ticket purchased on the train, for which they will obtain from the conductor A CHECK RECEIPT.

This Receipt will be redeemed and twenty-five cents paid therefor, in cash, upon its presentation at any TICKET OFFICE of the Company.

G. A. NICOLLS,
dec 5-2mo] General Superintendent

NOTICE.

TREASURY DEPARTMENT,
Office of Comptroller of the Currency,
Washington, D C., November 12, 1863.

WHEREAS, BY SATISFACTORY EVIdence presented to the undersigned, it has been made to appear that the FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF READING, IN THE COUNTY OF BERKS, AND STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA, has been duly organized under and according to the requirements of the Act of Congress entitled: "An Act to provide a national currency, secured by a pledge of United States stocks, and to provide for the circulation and redemption thereof" approved February 25, 1863, and has complied with all the provisions of said Act required to be complied with before commencing the business of Banking:

Now, therefore, I, Hugh McCulloch, Comptroller of the Currency, do hereby certify that the said First National Bank of Reading, county of Berks, and state of Pennsylvania, is authorized to commence the business of Banking under the Act aforesaid.

In testimony whereof, witness my hand and seal [L. S.] of office, this 12th day of November, 1863.

HUGH McCULLOCH.
nov 21-2mo] Comptroller of Currency.

Richmond Prisoners! Richmond Prisoners!!
THE DEPARTMENT AT WASHINGTON has decided to pay to the
WIVES AND FAMILIES
Of Officers or Soldiers now confined as Prisoners of War,
The amount of pay that may be due.
WILLIAM H. LIVINGOOD, Esq., Bounty and Pension Agent, has all the necessary forms prepared expressly for the purpose; and for a speedy collection of claims, call on
nov 21-tf] WILLIAM H. LIVINGOOD.

TO MY FRIENDS AND CLIENTS.
AS I SHALL NECESSARILY BE ABSENT from the County during the session of Congress, I have made arrangements with JOHN W. RYON, Esq., of Pottsville, to take charge of my legal business. My office will be kept open as heretofore, and those of my friends and clients having legal business may depend upon its receiving prompt and efficient attention. Mr. Ryon is a gentleman of extensive legal learning and long experience at the bar. I have full confidence in his ability, integrity