

News Items, &c.

Know Nothing Preachers.

What is a Siege?

Know-Nothing Bidders.

PROPOSALS.

THE REVENUE LAW.—We understand that an impression prevails to some extent that there is a difference of opinion between the Attorney General and the public Treasury...

It is an undeniable fact that some ministers of the Gospel (?) have connected themselves with the K. K. Order. Such men must have lost all confidence in God and his Word...

In a recent lecture before the Royal Institution, Mr Jekyll described the progress of a siege: "In a regularly fortified place there are four rounded by ditches, to protect the town, all of which have to be breached and assaulted successively in cases of obstinate defence...

"The bosom of America is open to receive, not only the opulent and respectable stranger, but the oppressed and persecuted of all nations and of all religions, whom we shall welcome to our shores with our arms open as to friends."

NAVY DEPARTMENT. Bureau of Yards and Docks, May 1, 1855. SEALED PROPOSALS for each class separately, endorsed "Proposals for Class No. (name the class) for the navy-yard at (name the yard) will be received for the navy-yard at (name the yard)...

- 5.—Dry Goods. 6.—Bread, &c. 7.—Tobacco. 8.—Coal. 9.—Firewood. 10.—Iron and nails. 11.—Paints, oils, and glass. 12.—Files. 13.—Lumber. 14.—Provender. 15.—Fire wood. 16.—Charcoal. 17.—Stationery.

BANK OF CAFE FEAL.—The annual meeting of the stockholders of this Bank was held at their Banking House in this place, yesterday. Mr Miles Costin held the proxy of the State. The only changes in the Directory were the appointment of Hon. Wm. A. Be and John L. Holmes, Esq., on the part of the State, in the place of Messrs. Reed and Fennel, who we believe, declined a re-election.

It is probably more charitable to conclude that they have been governed by sectarian considerations, rather than political ones; for the former may be attributed to the head rather than to the heart—to prejudice rather than to understanding, and to a blind zeal rather than to a well considered purpose.

The trenches are dug three feet deep and fifteen wide, and the earth being thrown toward the enemy, bulwark is formed sufficient to protect the men from the guns of the fortress. The plan of counter-mining, with a view to destroy the mines of the fortress, was particularly explained. The enemy are always on the alert to stop such operations, and by means of a tightly stretched drum with a peal on the top of it, they can generally ascertain, owing to the vibration, caused by the digging out of the earth, in what direction the besiegers are working.

"Resolved, That the liberal principles imbedded by Jefferson in the Declaration of Independence, and sanctioned in the constitution, which make ours the land of liberty, and the asylum of the oppressed of every nation, have been cardinal principles in the democratic faith, and every attempt to abridge the present principles of becoming citizens and the owners of soil among us ought to be resisted with the same spirit with which our fathers resisted the Declaration of Independence."

FORM OF OFFER. (Here date the offer.) I, (here insert the name of) (name the town) in the State of (name the State), hereby offer to furnish, under your advertisement dated (date of advertisement) and subject to all the requirements of the same, and of the printed schedule, all the articles enumerated in Class No. (name the class) for the navy-yard at (name the yard) according to said schedule, viz: (here paste on the printed class form the schedule and opposite each article set the price, and carry out the amount in the columns for dollars and cents, and foot up the aggregate amount of the bid for the class) amounting to (here write the amount in words).

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THE DIRECTORY NOW STANDING.—On behalf of the State.—W. A. Be, John L. Holmes, John Walker, P. K. Dickinson.

INTERESTING STATISTICS OF RUSSIA.—The following facts are taken from the Journal of the Statistical Society, and from an abstract of the return of the publication of marriages, births and deaths in the principal provinces of the Russian empire in 1842 procured from Count Nesselrode by Lord Stuart de Rosethay, at the instance of Lord Aberdeen, and communicated to the Statistical Society by Major Graham, the Registrar General, in 1844:

The direct fire on the walls to batter in breach is not usually made until batteries have been constructed within one hundred yards of the wall; and then by firing together in salvos, first making perpendicular rents short distances apart, and then a horizontal one, a breach is soon effected.

General Andrew Jackson a Gentleman. Instead of being a rude and unpolished man, as many have supposed, General Jackson was considered by all who knew him intimately, as the very perfection of a gentleman. His manners were courteous in the extreme, and he illustrated this fact, Mr Buchanan related a striking incident. He said on one occasion he received a letter from an American lady, who had a daughter married to an individual of high rank among the English nobility.

FORM OF GUARANTEE. (Here date the offer.) I, (here insert the name of) (name the town) and State of (name the State) and (name of second guarantor, &c.) hereby undertake that (name the bidder or bidders) will, if his (or their) offer above accepted, enter into contract with the United States within fifteen days after the date of notice, through the post office, of the acceptance of his (or their) offer before mentioned.

- FOR PORTSMOUTH, N. H. CLASS No. 1.—Bricks. 2.—Stone. 3.—Yellow-pine timber. 4.—Yellow-pine lumber. 5.—Oak & hard-wood timber and lumber. 6.—White-pine, spruce, juniper, and cypress timber and lumber. 7.—Lime and hair. 8.—Cement. 9.—Gravel and sand. 10.—Slate. 11.—Iron, iron spikes, and nails. 12.—Steel. 13.—Ship chandlery. 14.—Stationery. 15.—Wood. 16.—Hay. 17.—Provender. 18.—Charcoal. 19.—Iron castings. 20.—Removing ledge. 21.—Construction sewer.

KNOW NOTHING WITHDRAWLS IN VIRGINIA.—We learn, says the Washington Union, from private letters, as well as from the country papers that secession from know-nothingism in Virginia has become a perfect epidemic. A correspondent at Martinsburg, under date of the 15th, writes as follows:

PHILADELPHIA ELECTIONS.—The Philadelphia Ledger of the 24 inst., says the second annual election of the consolidated city was held yesterday. The contest was spirited, and the result was rather curious. Last year the American ticket carried nearly every ward in the city, electing nearly all the Select and Common Council, the City Commissioner, the City Treasurer, Prison Inspectors, Board of Health, School Directors, &c., in nearly every ward.

ORIGIN OF JEALOUSY.—Our lady readers will be interested in the following account of the birth of the "green-eyed monster," which we extract from Mansfield Parkins' most entertaining work "Life in Abyssinia." Mr Parkins heard the story from the lips of a pious Moslem acquaintance.

UNPREMEDITATED ELOQUENCE.—As an example of powerful, unpremeditated eloquence, may be given a short answer of Curran, the Irish orator, to a certain Judge Robinson—the author of many scurrilous political pamphlets—who, upon one occasion, when the barrister was arguing a case before him, had the impudence to reproach Curran for his poverty, by telling him that he expected his "law library was rather contracted."

- FOR BOSTON. CLASS No. 1.—Bricks. 2.—Stone. 3.—Yellow-pine timber. 4.—Yellow-pine lumber. 5.—Oak & hard-wood timber and lumber. 6.—White-pine, spruce, juniper, and cypress timber and lumber. 7.—Lime and hair. 8.—Cement. 9.—Gravel and sand. 10.—Slate. 11.—Iron, iron spikes, and nails. 12.—Steel. 13.—Ship chandlery. 14.—Stationery. 15.—Wood. 16.—Hay and straw. 17.—Provender. 18.—Charcoal. 19.—Iron castings. 20.—Pumping engine & pumps for dry dock. 21.—Steam engine for ropewalk.

- FOR PHILADELPHIA NAVY-YARD. CLASS No. 1.—Bricks. 2.—Stone. 3.—Yellow-pine timber. 4.—Yellow-pine lumber. 5.—Oak & hard-wood timber & lumber. 6.—White-pine, spruce, juniper, and cypress timber and lumber. 7.—Lime and hair. 8.—Cement. 9.—Gravel and sand. 10.—Slate. 11.—Iron, iron spikes, and nails. 12.—Steel. 13.—Ship chandlery. 14.—Stationery. 15.—Wood. 16.—Hay and straw. 17.—Provender. 18.—Charcoal. 19.—Iron castings. 20.—Belting, packing, and hose. 21.—Copper and composition nails. 22.—Iron work and iron castings. 23.—Machinery and tools. 24.—Copper and composition nails. 25.—Machinery and tools. 26.—Machinery and tools.

THE ADVANTAGES OF THE PLANK ROAD.—Previous to enjoying the facilities of a Plank Road from Fayetteville to his place, 3,500 to 4,000 lbs. was considered a good four-horse wagon load. Since the road has been completed, we all know, this state of affairs has changed materially for the better. We have been informed, by Messrs. E. A. Vogler & Co., that last week they received a load of merchandise, weighing 3,520 lbs., drawn by two horses, and likewise on the same day, of 3,568 lbs.,—both wagons performing the trip from Fayetteville, 120 miles, in four days.—Salem Press.

FISH AS FOOD.—There is much nourishment in fish, little less than in butcher's meat, weight for weight; and in effect it may be more nourishing, considering how, from its softer fibre, fish is more easily digested. Moreover, there is, in fish, in sea-fish—a substance which does not exist in the flesh of land-animals, viz: iodine—a substance which may have a beneficial effect on the health, and tend to prevent the production of serofulous and tubercular disease, the latter in the form of pulmonary consumption, one of the most cruel and fatal with which civilized society, and the highly educated and refined, are afflicted. Comparative trials prove that in the majority of fish the proportion of solid matter—that is the matter which remains after perfect desiccation, or the expulsion of the aqueous part—is little inferior to that of the several kinds of butcher's meat, game or poultry. And, if we give our attention to classes of people—classed as to quality of food they principally subsist on—we find that the ichthyophagous class are especially strong, healthy and prolific. In no class than that of fishers do we see larger families, handsomer women, or more robust and active men, or a greater exemption from the maladies just alluded to.

TO CLEAN WALL PAPER.—Take about two quarts of wheat bran, tie it in a bundle of coarse flannel, and rub it over the paper. It will cleanse the whole paper of all descriptions of dirt and spots better than any other means that can be used. Some use bread but dry bran is better.

A SECRET FOR THE LADIES.—HOW TO PRESERVE BEAUTY.—Don't use Chalk, Lily White, or any of the so-called cosmetics, to conceal a faded or sallow complexion. If you would have the roses brought back to your cheek, a clear healthy and transparent skin, and life and vigor infused through the system, get a bottle of Carter's Spanish Mixture, and take it according to directions. It does not taste quite as well as your sweetmeats; but if after a few doses you do not find your health and beauty reviving, your step elastic and vigorous, the whole system refreshed and invigorated like a Spring morning, then your case is hopeless; and all valuable certicates we possess, go for naught. It is the greatest purifier of the blood known; is perfectly harmless, and at the same time powerfully efficacious. See advertisement.

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- SCHOOL NOTICE. MRS. C. J. WARD respectfully informs her patrons and friends, that her fourth term of teaching, (green weeks to the quarter) will commence on the 21st of May; hours of instruction (during this term) will be from 9 o'clock to 1. Small children at \$4 per quarter. Those studying Geography, Arithmetic & Writing, \$5. April 21, 1855.

THE LATE FIRES IN THE WOODS.—A letter from Joseph Newkirk, Esq., who resides near Harro's Store, New Hanover County, says that the fire on the 20th ult., burnt all of his fowes, also those of his brother, Bryant Newkirk, also their turpentine boxes. Mr J. Newkirk, estimates his loss at \$2,500, and the loss sustained by his brother at \$1,000.—Other persons have lost more or less in the same neighborhood. Scarcely a county in the eastern part of the State, from Brunswick to Hyde, has escaped the late fires. The loss in the aggregate must be immense.—Harris's Journal.

ANOTHER HOMICIDE.—It is our painful duty to announce the perpetration of a distressing homicide in Hendersonville, on Wednesday last. Dr. E. J. Jones fatally stabbed Mr. A. J. Fair, a tailor of that place. We have not heard the particulars of this tragedy. Mr. Fair is said to have been a very quiet, peaceable, and inoffensive citizen. Mr. Jones has been arrested and confined in prison.—Asheville Spectator.

THE MASSACHUSETTS LEGISLATURE AND SLAVERY.—The Boston Courier, referring to the fact that both branches of the Massachusetts Legislature have passed resolutions for the removal of Judge Loring, because of his decision surrendering Burns, the Virginia fugitive slave, says: "The whole debate upon the resolves, from the time of their inception, has been of the most anti-slavery character—every Senator who has spoken abolitionist, whether he was on one side or the other with regard to the resolves—and the first effective stroke at the independence of the Judiciary of Massachusetts has been made in the arguments of anti-slavery Senators of the present session, and these arguments did not alone refer to the action of Judge Loring.

HOW CAN A GOOD METHODIST BE A KNOW NOTHING?—The following "Article of Faith" is to be found in the Discipline of the Methodist Episcopal Church. It will be seen that by necessary implication, all oaths are forbidden except they be made before a magistrate legally authorized to administer:

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