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THURSDAY AFTERNOON, APRIL 25, 1861.

THE CITY.

Train for Washington.—At one o'clock to-day the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company despatched a passenger train to Washington, in accordance with a despatch from Conductor Collins last evening, from the Annapolis Junction, stating that General Scott would permit a train to run down and back without molestation. It being announced in the papers that the train would leave this morning, at an early hour a large crowd had assembled at the depot, composed principally of citizens of Washington, who have been waiting here for a chance to get home since travel was interrupted by Government on Tuesday last. At 12 o'clock their anxiety was relieved by the announcement that a conference of the officers had determined upon the starting of the train in an hour, unless the authorities prohibited it. The train carried off a good number of passengers and a heavy mail. As a precautionary measure, from the Junction to Washington a hand car was to precede the train to examine the track, and to prevent any misapprehension of the people on the route as to the character of the train, and that it may not be interfered with by them under the impression that it contains troops for the capital. It is expected to return during the afternoon.

Police Matters.—Wm. Lloyd, arraigned before Justice Showacre on the charge of assaulting and violently treating Margaret Harrell, was held to bail to answer at court. Cornelius Taylor, colored, arrested for firing a pistol in the street, was fined $5 and costs, by Justice Griffin, and committed in default of payment. Peter France was fined $1 and costs, by the same Justice, for throwing bricks. Samuel Tatem, arrested on the charge of assaulting a Mr. Delaney, and threatening to destroy his property, was committed to answer at court, by Justice Showacre.

Fort McHenry.—A report prevailed this morning that the Fort was signalling, as was supposed, war steamers in the bay, preparatory to some action relative to this city. A cutter, supposed to be the *Harriet Lane*, was in the harbor about 9 o'clock, near the Fort, and after communicating therewith, proceeded down the river. The general impression was that the cutter's visit related to the transfer to the Fort of troops from Annapolis, owing to the difficulty of providing for them accommodations and provisions in Washington.

The Annapolis Railroad.—This road, as well as the Washington road, from the Junction to Washington, are in the possession of the Government. They have relaid the track where it was torn up on the Annapolis road, and with the engines and cars seized at the Washington station, are using the road for the conveyance of the arms, munitions, &c., of the troops landing at Annapolis.

Firing into a Baltimore Steamer.—The Captain of the steamer *Geo. Weems*, who reached here last evening, reports that he was fired at when off Annapolis, by a steamer lying there, but that he kept on and they did not overhaul him. He reports that four steamers and several transports, loaded with troops, were lying there.

Harbor Marine Force.—Capt. James P. Levy has organized, under the direction of the authorities, a harbor police force. He has in charge all the tow boats, which are used for the prevention of any unauthorized vessels leaving the harbor with provisions or articles contraband of war. The boats under charge of Captain Levy are on the lookout day and night.

From the Annapolis Junction.—Up to one o'clock to-day no additional troops had passed that point for Washington, but the intelligence there is that the troops on board the men of war and transports lying in Annapolis roads were to be landed to-day, to proceed to the capital.

Relay House.—This point, on the Baltimore and Ohio railroad, is now guarded by a company of the Maryland Guard, numbering one hundred men, to prevent the seizing of the main stem of the road, by Government, and the cutting off of communication between Baltimore and Virginia.

The Northern Central Railway.—This road, beyond Monkton, is in the hands of the Pennsylvanians, who are using it for the concentration of troops, military stores, and provisions for their camps at York and Harrisburg.

A Rumor.—It is rumored in the city this morning that Government has sent a detachment of troops and workmen across the Susquehanna, with materials for the repair of the bridges between here and Havre de Grace.

The Philadelphia Road.—From Havre de Grace to Philadelphia this road is in working condition, and with the rolling stock on that side of the river it is of great use to the Government for the concentration of forces at Perryville, to be transported to Washington by way of Annapolis.

Infant Abandoned.—Last evening officer Hamilton discovered an infant about ten days old, at the corner of Pratt and Howard streets. It was lying in a basket, and neatly clad, while the basket contained a plentiful supply of clothing.

Holliday Street Theatre.—This house will open again this evening with an entertaining bill, embracing the comedy of the *Soldiers Return*, and the military drama of *Horse Shoe Robinson*, or the Battle of King's Mountain.

Accident.—Mr. Rupley, bookkeeper at Miller's hotel was yesterday, as it is feared, fatally wounded by the accidental discharge of a pistol. The ball entering the lower portion of his stomach.

Issue of Small Notes.—The Banks here are said to be preparing for the issue of one and two dollar notes, owing to the difficulty of procuring change, and in anticipation of legislation providing therefor.

MILITARY MATTERS.

The Howard Guards.—A new volunteer company to be thus designated completed their organization yesterday, and will be mustered in the Maryland Line to-day. Captain Edward Foxton, who served with credit in the United States Army in the Mexican war, has been elected to the command. The Guards spring from the Southern Rights organization of the Eleventh ward, presided over by Dr J. Hanson Thomas. The armory of the company is located at the Patapsco engine house.

Winans Guard.—A second company has been organized under this title, who have elected the following officers: Charles McDonald, captain; John Cooke, Thomas Tibbles, Charles Stauffer, Joseph M. Herring, lieutenants; George Robinson, James Marsden, George W. Wilkinson and John Cushard, sergeants.

More Volunteers.—The Hon. Dr. Shower, of Manchester, Carroll county, yesterday visited the city to secure accoutrements for a Company numbering some eighty men, which has been formed in that county. Their arms they secured at the Irving College, and are drilling and preparing for their effective use. Their services have been offered to the city.

Guerilla Home Guard.—This is the title of a new company organized yesterday for the special protection of merchants and traders. They have elected Samuel Gover as commander, and Col. John R. Johnston as adjutant. Their arms and equipments are being prepared.

Another Rifle Company.—Another Rifle Company has been formed in the eighth ward, numbering sixty men, the officers being Jos. P. Shilling, Captain; T. H. Holbrook, J. B. Connolly and Thos. O. Jones, Lieutenants. They have been mustered into the Rifle Regiment, Col. Peters, commanding.

Another Troop of Horse.—The citizens of Reisterstown, Baltimore county, and vicinity, are organizing another cavalry company, who expect to be ready for service in a few days.

The Pikesville Arsenal.—This Government building is in possession of the Garrison Forest Rangers of Baltimore county, Captain Wilson C. Nicholson. The arsenal contains but little that is of any value.

Military Quarters.—Messrs. Blair & Co. have tendered to Maj. Trimble the use of a portion of their building, on Baltimore street, adjoining Eutaw House.

DIED.

On the 24th instant, Mrs. ELEANOR GOODRIDGE, in the 72d year of her age.

On the 24th instant, WILLIAM G. HARDESTY, in his 22d year.

On the 24th inst., ZACHARIAH BROWN, aged 72 years.

On the 24th instant, Mrs. MARY ANN MADISON, in the 2[illegible]th year of her age.

On the 16th instant, in Patapsco Neck, MARY C. STANSBURY, aged 18 years.

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COMMERCIAL RECORD.

BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

At the Stock Board to-day the following business was transacted:

25 Shares B. & O. R. R. 41½
25 do. do. ....B4..........42½

BALTIMORE MARKETS.

No sales of Flour this morning. Previous rates are maintained.

The offering of Wheat were only 616 bushels, and we quote white at $1.20@1.50, and red at $1.10@$1.30 ℔ bushel.

CORN.—The offerings of Corn amounted to about 7,700 bushels to-day, part of which sold at 59@65 cts. for fair to prime white, and 57 cents for inferior do., and 60 cts. for prime yellow, and 58 cts. ℔ bushel for inferior do.

There is nothing at all doing in Provisions or other articles worth mentioning.

CATTLE MARKET.—Beef Cattle—The offerings at the scales this morning amounted to 440 head.—Of this number 150 head were left over, unsold, and the balance sold to Baltimore butchers, at prices ranging from $3.75 to $5.50. Market dull, owing to the rise in price.

HOGS.—We quote at from $6.50 to $7.25 ℔ 100 lbs., few at latter price. Sales dull.

SHEEP.—We quote at from $3.50 to $4 gross for clipped. Market very dull.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

The Coffee Circular of William Scott & Son, of New York, dated April 23d, states the stock of Coffee at 48,610 bags and mats, and says the transactions in Rio, during the past week, have been confined to 3,870 bags ℔ *Abigail*; 2,792 by auction, at 10¾@14¼c., average 12 71-100; balance on private terms. The market closes quiet on account of the war excitement, and prices are entirely nominal. A public sale of 4,000 bags is announced for to-morrow.

The New York Post of Tuesday evening says:

The Money market is a shade firmer, with a moderate demand at 5@6 ℔ cent. for loans on call, and discount at 6@7 ℔ cent. for prime paper. Foreign exchange is dull, unsettled and lower. Sterling is quoted at 104@105½, and francs 5f. 40@5f. 32½. Stocks are steady at a slight improvement; Hudson has advanced ¼; Michigan Southern ¼; Harlem Preferred ⅝; Erie and Michigan Southern Guaranteed ¾; New York Central 1.

CLOSING PRICES.—Erie, 20¼@20½; Reading, 32½@33; New York Central, 72½@72¾; Michigan Southern, 13½@13¾; Michigan Southern Guaranteed, 29¾@30; Illinois Central, 60@60¼; Canton, 6¼@6½; Harlem, 12¼@12¾; Harlem Preferred, 32½@32½; Hudson, 36¾@37; Cleveland and Toledo, 24½@24¾. Market steady.

PORT OF BALTIMORE, April 25, 1861.

ARRIVED YESTERDAY.

Ship Lalla Rookh, Reed, from Liverpool, to Foard & Rogers.

ARRIVED TO DAY.

Steamer Georgiana, Pearson, from Norfolk, to M. N. Falls. Steamtugs Tiger, Sprague, and Reliance, Shaw, from Swan Point. Reports ship Mont Blanc, Landerkin, for Bremen, got under weigh from off Annapolis Roads Wednesday afternoon; ships Jos. Clark, Emerson, for Bremen, and Martha Whitmore, Preble, for Liverpool, from Swan Point, same time.

Schr. Geo. W. Krebs, Emerson, from Philadelphia—mdse, to John W. Brown, Jr.

CLEARED YESTERDAY.

Ship Ellen Maria, Lister, Rotterdam, Bros. Boninger.
Barque Waltham, Brown, Bremen, F. L. Brauns & Co.
Schr. Sea Flower, Dickey, Boston, Price & O'Neale.
Schr. Cohasset, Tobey, Boston, George's Creek Coal and Iron Company.
Schr. Jamestown, Latourette, New York, George's Creek Coal and Iron Co.
Schr. Eliza Jane, Adams, New York, W. Rhodes & Son.
Steamer Louisiana, Russell, Norfolk, M. N. Falls.
SAILED—Ship Admiral, (Brem.) Haseloop, for Liverpool, bark Ernestine, Giddings, for Belfast, Ire.

CLEARED TO DAY.

Steamer Georgeanna, Pearson, Norfolk, M. N. Falls.
Schr. Water Witch, Hull, Boston, George's Creek Coal and Iron Co.

MEMORANDA.

Ship Anna Bowen, Collins, from Baltimore for Rio Janeiro, was spoken 19th ult., lat. 34 12 S., lon. 32 55.

Barque Marion, Fowler, from Savannah, arrived at Cardenas 8th inst.

At Rio Janeiro, March 15—Additional—Barques Gen Stricker, Leonard, from Cadiz, wtg; Carlotta, Crowell, fm Newport, do; Leighton, Speight, from New Orleans, do; Sally Magee, Soule, (not Leighton) from and for Richmond, to sail soon with 1000 bags coffee; Chanticleer, Hatch, from Richmond, unc., wtg; Justina, Marshall, from Montevideo, do; brigs Mary Willson, from Baltimore, disg., ar 4th, J B George, from New York, Fairfax, Claypole, fm Montevideo, in ballast; barque Snowden has been chartered for Hampton Roads, sailed March 10th, barks Virginia, New York, 12th, Clara Haxall, do.

Bark Edward Everett, for New York in ten days; brigs Hope, (Br) Moore, do. in 8 days, Indian Queen, do; schrs. Lucy W. Alexander, Alexander, do do; E G Knight, for do., loading, were at Arroyo, P. R., 8th inst.

Brig Fr'n Bernard, Gibbs, from Cienfuegos, arrived at Boston 19th inst.

Brig John R. Rhodes, Bennett, from Charleston, arrived at Matanzas 12th inst.

Brig Condova, Johnson, fm Alexandria, arrived at Fall River 18th inst.

Schr. Nancy J. Brayton, Milliken, for Baltimore, sailed from Providence 19th inst.

Schr. M. Eadicott, from Baltimore for Somerset, passed up Fall River 18th inst.

Schr. D. S. Mershon, Allen, for Baltimore, was left at Cardenas 14th inst.

Schr. Sophia Ann, Weaver, from Petersburg, arrived at Fall River 18th inst.

Schrs. Mary & Elizabeth, Green, from Wilmington, NC, for Boston, and Myers, Rhodes, from Richmond for do., sailed from Holmes' Hole 19th inst.; Mary A. Shropshire, Shropshire, from Georgetown, DC, for do., remained.

Schrs. Wm. Wallace, Seull, and A. Cordery, Grace, from Wilmington, NC, arrived at Boston 19th inst.

Schr. Hardscrabble, Packard, from Norfolk, arrived at Providence 18th inst.

Schrs. J. P. Cake, Endicott, and Star, Crowell, fm Wilmington, NC, J. Turner, Crowell, from Norfolk, and T. Dow, Henderson, from Alexandria, arrived at New York 22d inst.

ARRIVED FROM BALTIMORE.

Steamship Ben. DeFord, Hallett, Boston 22d inst.
Steamship Thos. Swann, Ramsay, New York 22d inst.
Ship Camilla, Stafford, Brouwershaven 31st inst.
Bark Sylph, Jones, Boston 22d inst.
Brig Moonlight, Small, Matanzas 9th inst.
Brig Abbot Lawrence, Fuller, Boston 22d inst.
Schr. Heroine, Chamberlain, New York 22d inst.
Schr. Mist, Dasseway, New York 22d inst.
Schr. A. Tirrell, Higgins, Boston 22d inst.
Schr. J. M. Bayless, Thompson, Boston 22d inst.
Schr. Frances Hatch, Hutchinson, Boston 21st inst.
Schr. Georgia, Sweet, Boston 19th inst.
Schr. J. Randolph, Cutter, Boston 19th inst.
Schr. Ann Pickrell, Elzey, Philadelphia 22d inst.
Schr. Belle Conway, Delany, Richmond 22d inst.
Schr. Mary Wells, North, Richmond 22d inst.
Schr. Robert H. Kemp, ——, Richmond 22d inst.
Schr. H. M. Read, Kelly, New Bedford 19th inst.
Schr. Rebecca S. Warren, Warren, New Bedford 19th inst.
Schr. John L. Darling, Howes, Providence 18th inst.
Schr. S. M. Sherman, Sherman, Providence 19th inst.

CLEARED FOR BALTIMORE.

Steamer Artisan, Power, New York 22d inst.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Suspicious Vessel in New York Harbor.—Movement of Troops, &c.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The bark Grapeshot, owned in New Orleans, is an object of suspicion to the authorities. The captain asserts his determination to defend his flag, and says he is bound for a privateering cruise. She will be taken care of. The 25th regiment, from Albany, to-day sailed south in the steamer Parkersburg, and the 69th regiment, from this city, on the steamer James Adger. The 8th and 13th regiments departed in the Marion with the U. S. brig Perry in tow. The Monticello will be fitted out as a gun boat. The steamer Chesapeake sails in company. The steamer Montgomery, it is said, will be converted into a gun-boat. The New York Times has a report that the government has sent to England for twenty Armstrong guns. It is stated that the government has directed Com. Breese to charter 20 steamers of light draught, for three months' service, to arm them with nine-inch pivot guns, and fit them for sea.

U. S. Troops to be Taken Prisoners—Eight War Vessels at Pensacola.

NEW ORLEANS, April 22.—The Texan line of steamers will be temporarily suspended. It is reported that Houston is about to speak at Galveston, announcing his determination to oppose Lincolnism. Preparations for war in Texas are progressing on a large scale. The remaining federal troops at Indianola will probably be taken prisoners. Six hundred dollars of the Southern loan was taken at Mobile by the colored people. The steamer Hannah M. Johnson, from Pensacola yesterday morning, reports eight war vessels off the harbor, supposed with reinforcements.

Collision and Loss of Life.

OMAHA CITY, April 23.—A messenger has just arrived from Nisbraerah, who states that the inhabitants of that place assembled in arms and boarded the steamboat *Omaha* when she landed at that point, and demanded that the captain should go no further up the river. They stated that they would allow no boat to pass up for the purpose of removing the troops at Fort Randall, as they were all the protection the frontier had. A difficulty then occurred between the steamboatmen and the citizens, when both parties commenced firing at each other. Four persons are known to have been killed and several wounded. The steamboat was obliged to turn down the stream.

Military Movements.

HARRISBURG, April 23.—The Seventh and Eighth Regiments go to Chambersburg to-night, and will form a camp. They will invade Virginia if the troops of that State advance. Three new regiments and twenty-three companies, that had offered their services, were rejected for the presented, but directed to be held in readiness, as another requisition to fill the quota of Maryland and Virginia, is expected in a few days. General Negeley is expected to arrive here to-morrow with 1,500 men from the western counties.

Further from Key West.

NEW YORK, April 23.—Advices from Key West state that the steamer Atlantic received arms and ammunition on board from Fort Taylor, and sailed on the morning of the 14th instant. The United States steamer Powhatan passed on the 14th the transport steamer Illinois, which was expected to arrive at Key West on the 15th, with stores for the garrison.

Major French, the new postmaster at Key West city, was dispatching and receiving the mails via Havana.

Arrest of a Supposed Secessionist.

HARRISBURG, April 23.—Lieut. F. A. Parker, was arrested here this morning on the strength of a despatch from the Pittsburg Committee of Safety, being charged with uttering secession sentiments. The accused was examined before the mayor, when he acknowledged that his brother lately resigned his commission in the United States army. He proposed three cheers for the Union, and the examination being satisfactory, he was discharged.

Seizure of Vessels Carrying Contraband Goods.

NEW YORK, April 23.—The schooner Hannah Martin, from Boston for Baltimore, and the three masted schooner E. R. Bennet, for Norfolk, with beef and pork, whiskey and clothing, etc., has been seized by order of the government by the steamer Mercury. The steamer Viper is on a similar duty at the mouth of Long Island Sound.

Military Movements in Missouri.

ST. LOUIS, April 23.—The *Democrat* of this morning says: Gen. Harney having received the necessary orders yesterday, about 900 men were enlisted under the President's proclamation, and placed under the command of the officers at the U. S. Arsenal. It is understood that about 1,500 men have tendered their services and will be accepted. There are now about 1,300 troops in the U. S. Arsenal.

The Union in New Hampshire.

NASHUA, N. H., April 23.—Gen. Stark, late democratic candidate for Governor, to-night pledged at a mass meeting the thirty thousand who voted for him at the last election to support the government. The New Hampshire quota of troops is ready to march.

Legislature of Maine.

AUGUSTA, ME., April 22.—The Legislature assembled to-day. Every man voted to pledge the entire resources of the State to the federal authorities. The committee on the Governor's message will report to raise ten regiments, and appropriate $1,000,000 for the military, and liberal provision for the families of volunteers. A coast guard will be organized.

Sixty Indiana Companies Accepted.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 22.—Sixty companies, the full number required from Indiana, have been accepted by the Governor. Thirty-five companies more have tendered their services, and information of one hundred additional companies forming has been received. Fifty six companies are in camp today.

Missouri Preparing for Defense.

ST. LOUIS, April 22.—Gov. Jackson has called an extra session of the Legislature to meet on Thursday, May 2d, for the purpose of enacting such laws and adopting such measures as may be necessary for the more perfect organization and equipment of the militia of this State, and raise money and such other means as may be required to place the State in a proper attitude for defense.

Naval Preparations.

BOSTON, April 23.—There is great activity in the Charlestown navy-yard. The steam frigate Minnesota is nearly ready, as is also the brig Bainbridge. The steam frigate Mississippi is progressing rapidly, and the Colorado will be ready in a few days. Naval recruits are constantly arriving, and a large number of caulkers have volunteered for the war.

Southern Preparations for War.

NEW YORK, April 23.—A gentleman from Charleston, who left that city on Thursday last, says that the Southern troops were in excellent condition. It was the intention of the Southern Confederacy to march North with an army of 50,000 or 60,000 men, expecting to join with 50,000 additional troops to be raised in Virginia.

Encampment at Perryville, Md.

HAVRE DE GRACE, April 23.—Col. Dare has taken up a position at Perryville, on the Maryland bank of the Susquehanna, opposite this place. The volunteers occupy the large depot building, and are comfortably housed, and have ample room for drilling.

Typographical Union.

NEW YORK, April 22.—In consequence of the present distracted state of political affairs throughout the country, the Board of Officers of the National Typographical Union have decided to postpone the convention of delegates in this city in May next.

Loans from Connecticut Banks.

DANBURY, CONN., April 22.—The directors of the Danbury Bank held a meeting on Saturday, and voted unanimously to offer $75,000 to the Governor—making the total amount offered by our two banks of $125,000.

Cairo, Illinois, Invested by U. S. Troops.

LOUISVILLE, April 23.—A private dispatch says that Cairo, Illinois, has been invested by about 1,000 federal troops, and 4,000 more are expected soon.

Military Movements in Massachusetts.

BOSTON, April 23.—Eighty five companies have reported themselves ready and anxious to serve the government.

Kentucky Arming.

LOUISVILLE, April 22.—Seven companies of State Guards, numbering 650 men, under Colonel Tilghman, have organized at Paducah, Ky.

Great Advance in Exchange.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Exchange on New York has advanced to fifteen per cent.

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PROPOSALS FOR MAIL BAGS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT.
MONTGOMERY, March 27, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until nine o'clock A. M., the 1st day of May next, for furnishing for the use of the Confederate States of America, in such quantities and at such times as may be required and ordered for the postal service, Mail Bags of the following description, to wit:

CANVASS MAIL BAGS, OR SACKS.

Size No. 1, (13 inches in length and 64 inches in circumference,) to be made of cotton canvas, weighing at least fifteen ounces to the yard of 22 inches wide, the threads of the warp and weft to be composed of five yarns each.

Size No. 2, (41 inches in length and 45 inches in circumference,) to be made of cotton canvas, weighing at least fourteen ounces to the yard of 25 inches width, the threads of the warp and weft to be composed of four yarns each.

Size No. 3, (22 inches length and 38 inches in circumference,) to be made of cotton canvas, weighing at least eight ounces to the yard of 29 inches width, the threads of the warp and weft to be composed of three yarns each.

The canvass bags of sizes numbered 1 and 2 are to be made with a tabling or hem at the top of two inches wide, upon which a sufficient number (at least ten to the former and eight to the latter) of eyelet holes are to be wrought, and they are to be provided with good and sufficient hemp cord to tie and tie them strongly. All are to be well marked inside and outside "C. S. Mail," in large and distinct letters.

LEATHER AND CANVAS MAIL POUCHES.

Size	Inches length		Inches circumference
No. 1	48 inches length, and		60 inches circumference.
No. 2	41	do	48 do
No. 3	36	do	42 do
No. 4	30	do	35 do
No. 5	26	do	28 do

The body of the leather pouches are to be made of good and substantial bag leather, well tanned, and weighing for sizes numbered 1 and 2, not less than eight ounces, and for the smaller sizes not less than seven ounces to the square foot, the bottom (of circular form) and flap to be of good *skirting* leather, well trimmed, the seam to be well and strongly secured with the best iron rivets well clinched.

The canvas pouches are to be made of cotton canvas, densely woven, so as to resist water, weighing for pouches of size No. 1, not less than 25 ounces to the yard of 34 inches width, or 17 ounces to the yard of 21 inches width; for pouches of size No. 2, not less than 20 ounces to the yard of 34 inches width, for pouches of size No. 3, not less than 18 ounces to the yard of 22 inches in width, the threads of the warp and weft to be composed of at least five yarns each. The canvas pouches of sizes numbered 4 and 5 are to be made of cotton canvas, weighing not less than 14 ounces to the yard of 19 inches width, nor less than 22 ounces to the yard of 30 inches width, the threads of the warp and weft to be composed of at least six yarns each.

LEATHER AND CANVAS HORSE MAIL BAGS.

Size No. 1—Body 48 inches long, and 21 inches wide in the widest parts, ends or bottom of same being 14 inches by 26 inches.

Size No. 2—Body 45 inches long, and 18 inches wide in the widest parts, ends or bottoms of same being 12 by 20 inches.

Size No. 3—Body 42 inches long, and 16 inches wide in the widest parts, ends of bottoms of same being 10 by 20 inches.

The leather horse mail bags are to be made of good and substantial bag leather, well tanned, weighing not less than seven ounces to the square foot, and the seams to be well and strongly sewed of five [illegible].

The canvas horse mail bags are to be made of cotton canvas, like that described for the larger sized pouches.

Proposals for an improvement in the form or construction of any of the above described bags and pouches, or in the materials thereof, are invited, and the relative value and adaptation to the service, as well as special prices to any such improvements, will be considered in determining the lowest and best bid.

All the articles contracted for are to be delivered at the expense of the contractors, in Charleston, S. C., Savannah, Ga., Mobile, Ala.; Montgomery, Ala.; and New Orleans, La., in such quantities, and at such times as the Department may require and order; and they are to be subject to inspection on delivery, and none are to be received which shall be found in any respect inferior to the specimens adopted as the standard ones.

The proposals should specify the price of each article proposed to be furnished.

No proposal will be considered, unless accompanied with specimens or samples of each article bid for, showing the construction, size and quality of materials and workmanship, [illegible] and also with sufficient guarantee as to the persons proposed as sureties, that they will enter into contract, with good and sufficient bond for the due performance of the contract in case such proposals shall be accepted.

The specimens or samples must be delivered at this Department on or before the last day of May [illegible] shall have accompanied the accepted proposals will be retained [illegible] made. Every specimen [illegible] marked with the number [illegible] it a sample of the materials [illegible] made. All specimens [illegible] safety and convenience [illegible] paid for at the prices specified in the proposals [illegible] the same.

Bidders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the articles bid for, in the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the award. But bids will not be entertained which fix a period beyond the 1st of July next, for the delivery of supplies.

A decision on the bids will be made on or before the 10th day of May next, and the accepted bidders will be required to enter into contract with sufficient bond or sureties on or before the 1st day of July next.

The number of the different kinds of mail bags which will probably be required has been estimated at 3,500 canvas mail pouches, 2,000 leather mail pouches, and 500 horse mail bags, but the Department reserves the right to increase or diminish the number of each size and quality according to the exigencies of the service without increase of price.

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General
Confederate States of America.
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PROPOSALS FOR PRINTING POSTOFFICE BLANKS AND PAPER FOR THE SAME.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT,
MONTGOMERY, March 27th, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until the 1st day of May next, until 12 M., for furnishing, for the Postoffices in the Confederate States for one year from and after the date of the contract, the following blanks, viz:

Post Bills, [illegible]
Mails received for delivery,
Mails sent,
Account of newspapers,
Accounts current,
Account of prepaid printed matter,
Signature [illegible]
Mails received [illegible]
Mails sent [illegible]
Distribution [illegible]
Do. [illegible]
Distribution [illegible]
Account of boxes [illegible]

[illegible]

Section 9. [illegible]

[illegible]

Section 14 provides [illegible]

Specimens of the several blanks [illegible] may be seen at this department [illegible] within the States.

Proposals will be received for the printing and paper separately, or for both jointly. The contract will be awarded to the lowest and best bidder [illegible] careful examination [illegible] will in its practical results be most advantageous to the department.

Bidders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the articles bid for, in the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the award. But bids will not be entertained which fix a period beyond the 1st July next for the delivery of supplies.

Samples of the style of printing and of paper must accompany each proposal, and each bidder must furnish with his proposal evidence of his ability to comply with his bid.

Sufficient sureties will be required to a contract, and the blanks are to be delivered at the department at the expense of the contractor.

If the contract for paper be awarded separately from the contract for printing, the party so contracting will be required to deliver the paper to the contractor for the printing, without expense to the department.

Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with "Proposals for printing Postoffice blanks, and paper for the same," and addressed to the Chief of the Appointment Bureau, Montgomery, Alabama.

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General.
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PROPOSALS FOR WRAPPING PAPER, TWINE AND SEALING WAX.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
MONTGOMERY, March 27th, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until the 1st day of May next, at 12 o'clock, M., for furnishing WRAPPING PAPER, TWINE and SEALING WAX for the use of the Post Offices of the Confederate States, for four years from and after the date of the execution of the contract. The said articles are to be delivered, free of expense, at this Department. The estimated quantity of each article, and the quality thereof, required yearly, is as follows:

2,200 reams Manilla Wrapping Paper, 29 by 23 inches in size, and to weigh not less than 24 pounds to the ream, and each ream to contain 20 perfect quires; 10 reams of the same kind of Paper 26 by 32 inches in size, and to weigh not less than 34 pounds to the ream.

3,000 pounds Cotton Twine, 4 strands, hard twisted, and in balls to weigh 1 pound each; 500 pounds of the same kind of Twine, on spools, each spool to weigh from 1½ to 2 pounds.

2,000 pounds of coarse Hemp Twine, about ⅛ of an inch in diameter, well twisted, and in balls or hanks weighing from 1½ to 2 pounds each.

150 pounds of Scarlet Sealing Wax, of good quality, for ordinary use.

Proposals will be received for each article separately, or for the whole. The contract will be awarded to the lowest bidder, the best bid to be determined after a careful examination for the purpose of ascertaining which bid will, in its practical results, be most advantageous to the department. The Postmaster General reserves to himself the right to reject any bid where it is apparent that a part of the articles are bid for at a very low and a part at a very high rate, without proper regard to cost of each for the purpose of affecting the aggregate of the bids under the estimate contained in this advertisement.

Samples of each article required must accompany the proposals, and each bidder must furnish with his proposals evidence of his ability to comply with his bid.

Two sufficient sureties will be required to a contract. Failures to furnish the articles contracted for promptly, or furnishing articles inferior to those contracted for, will be considered a sufficient cause for the forfeiture of the contract.

Bidders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the articles bid for in the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the awards. But bids will not be entertained which fix a period beyond the 1st of July next for the delivery of supplies.

Proposals must be marked on the outside of the envelope with the name of the article or articles proposed for, and the package containing the proposals addressed to the "Chief of the Appointment Bureau," Montgomery, Ala.

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General.
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PROPOSALS FOR CIRCULAR MARKING AND RATING STAMPS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
MONTGOMERY, March 27th, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this department until the first day of May next, until 12 o'clock, M., for furnishing for the postoffices of the Confederate States, for four years from the first day of July next, Marking and Rating Stamps of the following descriptions, viz:

Class 1. Circular Marking Stamps of steel, or other metal of equal durability, of a circumference not to exceed 3½ inches, but as much less as convenience and good taste may dictate, with the name of the office and State, with type for the years, months and days, in block of like metal, with sufficient thumb screws for the same, with handles of Cocoa, Mahogany or other heavy wood, of a model most convenient for use. In proposals for this class of Stamps, the bidder will state the additional charge, per letter or figure, for inserting, within the circle when required, such words and figures as Paid, Paid 5 and 10, Ship, etc.

Class 2. Circular Marking Stamps of iron or other material equal thereto, for the use of postoffice and route agents on the railroads and steamboat mail lines; with the name of the office and State, or the name of the railroad or river line, with type for months and dates, in blocks of the same material, with suitable thumb screw, and handles of black walnut or cherry tree, of a model best adapted for use, the circumference of the stamp to the same as described in class No. 1.

Class 3. Circular marking stamps of box wood, or other materials of equal durability, of the same size as Class No. 1, with the name of the office and State, with type for months and days, of printers' type metal, in blocks or single letters and figures, with thumb screw and handles the same as described in Class No. 2.

Class 4. Marking stamps for foreign mails similar to those now in use in the Postoffices at New York, Philadelphia and Boston, U. S., or of any other style adapted to the above purpose.

Also, the following rating stamps to correspond with the circular stamps in Classes 1, 2 and 3 in material, handles and workmanship, and such other rating stamps not named herein as may be required, of a like description, at pro rata prices, and in the style of materials herein shall be altered by direction of the department, the price shall be increased or reduced in the same proportion, viz:

Paid.....................................Missent or Forwarded
Free.....................................Cancel
Missent..................................Due
Forwarded................................Due 2 cents
Postoffice Business, free................Drop 2 cents
Advertised...............................Due 5
Steamboat................................10
Ship.....................................15
Held for postage.........................20
Paid 3
Paid 10
Paid 15
Paid 20

Proposals for improved or patented stamps, with cylinders for the months and days, or with points to pierce the envelopes, or with other improvements will be considered.

The right to change or alter the style of the stamps described in either class, upon equitable terms, reserved to the Postmaster General.

Proposals will be received for furnishing the whole of the above named circular stamps, or for each class separately.

Stamps will be ordered for the different classes of offices according to such rules and regulations as may hereafter be adopted by the department.

Models of the stamps must accompany the proposals.

Each bidder must furnish with his proposals evidence of his ability to comply with his bid.

Sufficient sureties will be required to a contract, and the stamps must be delivered at this department at the expense of the contractor.

Proposals must be endorsed on the outside of the envelope with "Proposals for Postoffice Marking Stamps," and addressed to the "Chief of the Appointment Bureau," Montgomery, Ala.

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General.
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PROPOSALS FOR MAIL LOCKS AND KEYS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
MONTGOMERY, March 27th, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 12 o'clock M., the 1st day of May next, for furnishing for four years from the date of contract, in such quantities and at such times as may be required and ordered for the postal service of the Confederate States, MAIL LOCKS of the following description, with KEYS to operate, viz:

Brass Mail Locks, with Keys of the same metal.

Iron [illegible]

The Locks and Keys must be of superior manufacture, and adapted to the service, in the essential elements of security and durability, and freedom from liability to get out of order, and must be promptly delivered to the department without additional expense to the government. Each Mail Lock and Key must be stamped thus, "C. S. Mail."

Bidders are required to furnish samples of Locks and Keys, and satisfactory evidence of their ability to execute their contracts, in case their proposal be accepted. The samples must be delivered at this department on or before the [illegible] day of May next, and those which shall have accompanied the accepted proposals will be retained [illegible] the basis of the contract to be made.

A decision on the bids will be made on or before the 10th day of May next, and the accepted bidder or bidders will be required to enter into contract with sufficient bond and securities on or before the 1st day of July next.

Bidders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the article bid for, in the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the awards. But bids will not be entertained which fix a period beyond the 1st of July for the delivery of supplies.

The number of the different kinds of Mail Locks and Keys which will probably be required has been estimated at 1,000 of the Brass Locks and 400 for the Iron, with duplicate Keys for the entire number, but the Postmaster General reserves the right to increase or diminish the number of each kind, according to the exigencies of the postal service, without change in the cost of supply or delivery.

The Proposals should be addressed "Chief of Contract Bureau," Postoffice Department, Montgomery, Ala.

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General.
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PROPOSALS FOR POSTAGE STAMPS.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT,
MONTGOMERY, March 27th, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 3 o'clock, P. M., on the 1st day of May next, for furnishing for the use of the Postoffices in the Confederate States postage stamps of the denominations of 2, 5, 10 and 20 cents.

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JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General.
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PROPOSALS FOR STAMPED ENVELOPES.

CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA,
POSTOFFICE DEPARTMENT,
MONTGOMERY, March 27, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 3 o'clock P. M., on the 1st of May next, [illegible]

[illegible] STRAW BOARD BOXES [illegible] WOODEN CASES [illegible]

[illegible]

Bidders will state the earliest period at which they will be able to furnish supplies of the articles bid for, in the event of the contract being awarded to them, as it will have an important bearing upon the award. But bids will not be entertained which fix a period beyond the 1st of July next for the delivery of supplies.

All stamped envelopes that may be required by the department to fill the orders of Postmasters are to be promptly delivered at this department without additional charge.

The rates of postage to be stamped upon the envelopes are two cents, five cents, ten cents, and twenty cents.

The bids should be marked, "Proposals for Stamped Envelopes," and addressed to the "Chief of the Finance Bureau," Postoffice Department, Montgomery, Ala.

JOHN H. REAGAN,
Postmaster General.
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