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Auction Sales This Day.

By E. S. Sykes, at 9 o'clock, on the levee, opposite Canal street ferry landing, cotton.

DUTIES OF CORONERS.

The office of Coroner, as originally established, was one of the most important known to the law. The name is derived from the fact of his being concerned principally with pleas of the Crown. According to Blackstone, "one chief part of his duty is, when a person dies, or is supposed to die, a violent death, to inquire into the manner of his death. This must be done by a jury, on sight of the body, and at the place where the death happened. In England the Coroner is to inquire, also, concerning shipwrecks, and certify whether wreck or not; and who is in possession of the goods; also concerning treasure trove. As a ministerial officer, the Coroner is the Sheriff's substitute; and when an exception can be taken by the Sheriff, for suspicion of partiality, process is executed by the Coroner." It has also been held to be a part of the Coroner's duty, under English law, to inquire into the cause or origin of fire.

In this country the office and duties of Coroners have been variously established in the different States. In Connecticut there is no Coroner, and what is generally adjudged to be the principal duty of that officer—that of inquiring into cases of suspected violent death—is devolved upon a constable or a justice of the peace. In most cases this is the principal or only duty of the Coroner. We have lately seen the Coroner of this city, for the first time, we believe, undertake the duties of Sheriff in the absence of that officer. His duties have generally, however, been confined to inquisitions into cases of suspected violent death, and to the giving of orders for the burial at the expense of the city of such persons as it may be needed for.

In reference to the former of these duties, we have observed that of late years a practice has sprung up, which deserves a consideration which has not yet been bestowed upon it. We mean that of the Coroner making the *post mortem* examinations of bodies.

Of the value of having medical men, and that of the highest abilities attainable, to fill the office of Coroner in such cases, we never had any doubt; and we believe that the opinion is generally adopted. A late English paper gives a striking exemplification of the extent to which it prevails among those perhaps most competent to judge. The case of Palmer, who poisoned Mr. Cooke, and who was suspected of having poisoned Lord George Bentinck, elicited the expression of the opinion to which we refer. The fact was related in the course of the coroner's proceeding for the election to the office of Coroner, vacated by the death of the late Mr. Wakley. The judges who sat on the trial of Palmer were Baron Alderson and Sir C. Cresswell. The baron belonged to a family some of whose were able physicians—one, senior physician of St. Mary's Hospital. Desirous of obtaining reliable information regarding the effects of strychnine on the animal economy Baron Alderson sought the assistance of his relative, and the consequence was that a series of experiments were performed before him. A full account of these was transmitted to Lord Campbell, who expressed a desire to see the experiments repeated. This was done, Sir C. Cresswell and Dr. Paris, being present, besides Lord Campbell and Baron Alderson, and Dr. Alderson and Mr. Copney, the dispensing apothecary of the hospital. The consequence was that these judges left better acquainted with the poisonous nature and effects of strychnine, and the different tests applied for its detection, than many of the witnesses. They thus admitted the necessity of medical knowledge on the part of persons presiding over inquiries as to the cause of death; and there can be no doubt that it materially aided them in judging of the value of the contricting evidence given on the trial of Palmer, and his conviction.

Advantageous, then, it certainly is, to have medical knowledge presiding at such cases. But what would have been thought, had either of the judges, supposing him competent, undertaken to perform the *post mortem* examination and to make the chemical analyses in the case? Every sense of the impartiality of the position which a judge ought to hold in all cases would have been shocked. What a mockery of his impartiality would it have been to find him differing in opinion with other witnesses as to some medical or chemical point, and then proceeding to give judgment respecting it!

And we are convinced that the Coroner ought to preserve his impartiality as far above question or involvement as any other judge. He is not the party who ought to make *post mortem* examinations or chemical analyses in cases in which he is to sit as judge, as he does in all cases in which he holds an inquisition into the cause of a suspected violent death.

That the Coroner of this city does this conscientiously, however, is not questioned. We believe the practice to be erroneous and contrary to principles of justice, and hence have called attention to it.

We know there is a city physician whose duty it is to perform *post mortem* examinations: but for some reasons he does not always perform that duty. If there is any good reason why he should be excused, provision ought to be made for supplying his place in his absence: and that by some means which will relieve the Coroner from being thrown into a position which we believe he should never be permitted to occupy.

For choice lots of flour, pork, mackerel, coffee, dried apples, vinegar, olive oil, and also for tobacco, brooms, &c., at cheap prices, apply at Frank Avery's store, Nos. 59 and 61 Old Levee, between Canal and Bienville. See advertisement.

Mr. B Turpin, No. 93 Old Levee, has for sale a lot of tin, flour, oats, black pepper, soda ash, linseed oil. See advertisement.

SUGAR.—The advance in prices of this article on Wednesday was maintained yesterday, as may be seen by referring to our commercial report.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Screws Cross-Cherves.—Kate Shaw and Wash Rockwell have put themselves in a pretty tight fix, judging from their charges against each other, as recorded on the police books. Kate has had Wash arrested on the charge of assaulting her with intent to kill her, and on the other hand, Wash had her arrested on the charge of cutting him with intent to kill him. It will perhaps add to a disinterested appreciation of the nature of the case, if we remember that Philippe street was the scene of its commencement, and that Wash and Kate are understood to have held pretty intimate relations with each other. That a quarrel between the two should lead to the hottest kind of warfare, will not be wondered at. We did not learn what part the blade Wash had received from Kate's other blade.

Impounds.—Coroner Bench held two inquests on Wednesday, besides those already reported.

One of them was on a man named Adam George, a native of Germany, aged 31 years, found lying dead in a house at the corner of Washington and Magazine streets. The testimony showed that the deceased was of intemperate habits, and had been exposed a great deal lately in consequence of them. The jury rendered a verdict, that the deceased came to his death by apoplexy, superinduced by intemperance.

Another inquest was held on the boy Jos, belonging to Mr. Bernard Fox. The little fellow was only seven years of age. The testimony showed that he was playing with a little white child, when he accidentally fell into a well, and was dead before assistance could be rendered. The jury returned a verdict in accordance with these facts.

Not Water!—Officer O'Brien reports that on Wednesday morning, on Dryades street, he met a soldier carrying a demijohn; that he had him search if contained, and was told by him that it was whisky—and that it was full, at that. He therefore seized it, but the soldier made off to the quarters at the Medical College, on Gasquet street.

Trying to Pass the Lines.—Wm. Grant was arrested at Gasquet on Wednesday, on the charge of attempting to make his way through the Federal lines without a pass.

Nuisance.—Ellen M. Donnell was arrested on Constance street, on the charge of being an habitual drunkard, disorderer of the peace, and general nuisance.

Concealed Weapons.—John Dupont was arrested on the charge of carrying concealed weapons; and is further accused of abusing the officer while in discharge of his duty.

Counterfeit.—John Conlon was arrested on St. Charles street, on the double charge of being drunk and endeavoring to pass a counterfeit \$10 note, purporting to be of the Canal Bank.

Sent to Ship Island.—Mr. James Boggs, the *Delta* announces, has been sent to Ship Island some time ago. It will be remembered, he was put under bonds of $20,000—Mr. Bogue being his security. The conditions of his bond, it is alleged, have been violated. He is charged with having said that he kept a book, which is called a "———— book," in which he entered the names of those who take the oath of allegiance to the United States; and with going round intimidating men who are willing to take the oath; thereby disturbing the peace. The question of obtaining his recognizance is to be brought before the Provost Court on Monday.

Quizzical upon pendanter upon of respec tions.—Had Mary Ibdilvran learned this maxim, either in the original, from a dictionary of quotations, through translations, and in any other way, that would have induced her to practice upon herself, she would have saved herself from a very ugly predicament last night. She is very largely "as indies love to be who love their lords;" but giving a pension, according to Mary Conner's charges against her, was not in Mary's house, abused her, assaulted her, and broke her windows with a broom. Mary had her arrested therefore; and she was arrested her herself, greatly apparently to her discomfiture, as seemed. The parties reside on Girod street.

Seditious Language.—The police of the Fourth District arrested eight men yesterday, over the river, in Gretna, on the charge of using seditious language against the U. S. Government.

Found Drowned.—The body of a man was found floating in the river, opposite John street, yesterday evening. It was recovered, taken on shore, and the Coroner was summoned to hold an inquest on it.

More Trouble.—We perceive that the elderly gentleman and his buxom young wife, who were a short time since before the Provost Court, when the former was required to give bonds in $2000 to keep the peace, are again at it. She had him arrested again on Wednesday night. Why do they not separate?

Abusing a Sentinel.—Fred. Schneider was arrested, charged by J. D. McCarty and U. S. Sentinel No. 1, with the charge of abusing the latter while on guard.

Suspicious.—Robert Murray was arrested on Wednesday night on the charge of being found in Mr. Bickner's house, in the Second District, under suspicious circumstances. He had in his possession a coat supposed to have been stolen.

Threatening to Kill.—P. Gross was arrested on the charge of interfering with officer Hendrickson, while in the discharge of his duty, on Wednesday night, while in the execution of his duty, and threatening to kill him.

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Disorderly House.—Mrs. Cavenaugh was arrested on Wednesday night, on the charge of being drunk and keeping a disorderly house. She vegetates on St. Joseph street.

Provost Court—Judge Bell.—H. S. Nail was sentenced in the Parish Prison for six months, for trying to pass the latest United States paper issued with the necessary signatures. Acting was Captain of the schooner Kate, which sailed from the New Basin across the lake. He was found to have in his possession two packages of counterfeit, principally of a family character. He said he did not know that carrying such letters was a crime against the law. The Judge took him no room to doubt that it is a criminal offense. He had tried to obtain a pass; but not succeeding, had endeavored to do without it. In addition to his imprisonment his vessel was confiscated.

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LOSS OF LIFE.

Remains of General Williams Recovered.

The U. S. gunboat Oneida, which left port yesterday for up-river, returned this morning, having been in collision with the steamboat Lewis Whiteman, coming down from Baton Rouge.

It appears that last night, when the Oneida was about fifty miles above the city, she was run into by the Lewis Whiteman, which boat immediately sank.

The Whiteman had on board the body of Gen. Williams, attended by an escort of six of his body-guard; also 49 wounded Federal and three Confederate soldiers. Thirty-eight of the wounded soldiers and three of the body-guard were saved. We have no intelligence as to the exact number of the Whiteman were brought to the city in irons on board the Oneida.

We are glad to learn that the body of Gen. Williams was recovered. It appears that about daylight the body was discovered on a plank floating in the river, and was taken on board the Oneida and brought to the city.

THE RAM ARKANSAS DESTROYED.

We have intelligence from up-river that the Confederate ram Arkansas has been totally destroyed. It appears that she was aground a short distance above Baton Rouge, and was waiting for a steamboat to tow her off when the General and other United States gunboats went up to her and set her on fire, and she blew up. So much for the Arkansas. Her brief career is ended.

The *Delta* published, at a late hour, the following particulars of the fight at Baton Rouge:

Colonel Cahill's Official Report—The Gun Boats Destroyed—Confederate Gen. Clarke Taken Prisoner—A Flag of Truce and the Reply.

Below we give the official report of Colonel Cahill, of the fight before Baton Rouge, on the 5th inst. We also give the correspondence between Gen. Breckinridge and Colonel Cahill, relative to the burial of the dead:

HEADQUARTERS SECOND REGIMENT, } *Baton Rouge*, August 6.

CAPTAIN—I have the honor to report that an attack was made early yesterday morning by a Confederate force of about ten regiments, commanded of Major-General J. C. Breckinridge, and then after a fight of four hours duration and of great severity, the enemy were driven back.

I regret to say that Brig. Gen. Williams was killed on the field by a rifle ball through the chest.

During the battle our forces were obliged to retire a quarter of a mile from our original position, and the enemy were then able to occupy temporarily the camps of the 21st Indiana, 7th Connecticut, 14th Maine Regiments, and to destroy much of the baggage, &c., of these camps. They were, however, driven out; but not many men being much harassed by sickness, and the heat on the field being much exhausted by fatigue and heat, it was deemed inexpedient to pursue.

I am unable as yet to give a report of our casualties; which, I am sorry to say, are considerable.

The enemy has retired several miles, and, from all I can learn, are still retiring. I am endeavoring what is possible, and they may receive reinforcements, and can therefore easily return to their former positions. Our force engaged numbered less than 3500; the enemy had at least 5000, with twelve or fourteen field pieces, and more cavalry.

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PLOT TO CAPTURE ST. LOUIS.

We published yesterday very important intelligence from Missouri, showing the excitement caused in St. Louis by the drafting order. The New York *Herald* of the 26th furnishes us with additional and important particulars of the intense excitement, which seem to involve nothing more than a plot to capture St. Louis. The correspondent of the *Herald*, writing from St. Louis, on the 25th ult., says:

That these stringent orders should cause some excitement is not surprising, but when it is shown that a narrow escape St. Louis has had from the machinations of rebels, the surprise will be still less. There is reason to believe that a plot has been maturing for weeks by which the rebels hoped to dispossess the Union authorities of this city. The plan was simple in design and possible of execution. The fortifications around the city are feebly garrisoned, and a sally of twenty thousand men into each one of them on any dark night might have resulted in their capture. The city is full of secession sympathizers, bold enough and sufficiently reckless of consequences to attempt the seizure. Once in possession of these forts, the Secession flag would float over them, and the city would be entirely at their mercy. An uprising of secession citizens and a reorganization of the city government would speedily follow. It is said that commissions have been sent to neighboring counties by the notorious Claiborne Jackson, pretending to act as Governor, authorizing various prominent rebels of St. Louis to seize the reins of civil and military power, and levy a contribution on the Union people for the support of guerrillas in the interior. The plot only needs preparedness to distant readers; but the facts show that it was clearly within the range of probable success. Less than fifteen hundred troops have guarded this city of one hundred and sixty thousand inhabitants till day before yesterday. Of these less than twenty-five men composed the garrison of each fort. The arrangement was nearly defenseless. A bold speculator of only twenty-five hundred rebels would have sufficed to overpower this city, and the assistance of the resident rebel population of twice that number would have enabled them to hold it long enough to inflict a vast amount of lasting injury on the people and the city itself.

I have no authority for stating that the ringleaders of this plot are known, and are under surveillance. When the proclamation was first obtained all hands will be arrested. In the mean time, the principals cannot escape. The first infirmation of what is going on will be a flight several days ago. One of the first precautionary measures was the removal of 250 rebel prisoners from McDowell's College prison to Alton, Ill. This prison left on Saturday. Very few persons at this time suspected that the transfer of so many prisoners had any connection with rebel designs on St. Louis; but the matter is now clear. The object was to remove the most dangerous of the prisoners at Fort Delaware to Alton, on the James river, to be exchanged. There are about 4000 of them. Preparations are also being made for the removal of prisoners from other localities.

MEXICAN CANADA.—Under this heading the Louisville *Journal* publishes the following paragraph:

Those D'Arcy McGee has hit upon an ingenious expedient to relieve Canada of the horrors of a supposed impending war between the United States and Great Britain. His proposition, in the event of a war, Canada remain neutral; neither helping nor hurting either antagonist. He argues that the United States will generally close with this offer, on the interests they have at stake on the great lakes is infinitely greater than those the English have in Canada. That is to say, should a war break out there is more American than English or Canadian property in peril of destruction. The government would confine the war to our own board, and relieve us of all anxiety as to our lake frontier. The scheme, strange to say, is considered quite feasible by many Canadian papers to which it is addressed that measures be taken to bring it to the consideration of the Government. The New York *World* has another proposition: "Let the Canadians annex themselves to this country, and form two or more powerful States in the Northern Confederacy. By that means they would advance their prosperity and be secured of perpetual peace. If they won't do this sensible thing, we must go on with our canal enlargement, even at the expense of their little remaining courage."

GENERAL NEWS.

As soon as it was known that the President had signed the confiscation act, and had sent in a message recommending his subordinates to do likewise, the Secretary of War issued an address to all the white waiters at Willard's Hotel, Washington, were discharged, and black ones took in their places.

A recent discovery of a rich vein of gold ore, in Tuscarora county, Ohio, at a depth of 325 feet from the surface, while drilling for coal, produced the most intense excitement in the surrounding country, and the scene of operations is thronged by thousands of people. The quartz becomes richer with gold as the ranger descends.

A numerous and influential deputation of Irish members of Parliament, and representatives from all the corporate and civil institutions in Ireland, recently waited upon Lord Palmerston, in London, to demand a charter for a Catholic University. His Lordship absolutely refused to comply with the request, and expressed himself unalterably opposed to the principle of sectarian education. The reply is regarded with great indignation in Ireland.

A prevalent cause for the disinclination to enlist is the great demand for labor. A Cooper's Island (Va.) correspondent wanted fifty laborers a few days since at $1 25 per day, but not a single application appeared. Businessmen on the Erie canal are now receiving $20 per month, and even this seems of such much trouble and expense almost any person can be hired, demand, no question to bring down the immense supply of grain from the West. Throughout the country laborers are in great demand on the farms.

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Saline county, the former residence of Claiborne Jackson, has also been the scene of servile guerrilla outrages within a few days. On the 17th, twenty attempts to violate slaves by Secession soldiers entered the town of Gilead, in that county, and sacked the stores and dwellings of several hundred dollars' worth of property, besides committing the most shameful outrages. Two companies of State troops were recently withdrawn from the town. This is the natural result; as soon as Union troops are withdrawn from any place it is the signal for outrages on Union men.

The mail carriers in Saline and Lafayette counties are constantly stopped by guerrillas. The contents of the Marshall (Saline) mail were burned in Lexington were destroyed on the 19th, and the next day the mail between Lexington and Independence was destroyed by guerrillas. They took the mail-bags and horses in each case. The last route is two of those recently re-stored by the Postmaster-General.

Brigadier-General Halleck, of the Missouri river, was received in the most manner at Cambridge, on the 15th instant, by a large armed guerrillas. Columbia, the county seat of Boone county, was likewise visited by guerrillas last week; but the latter, on learning that troops were on the line of the road, immediately left, and further information of the movements of the guerrillas was prevented.

A bold speculator of only twenty-five hundred rebels would have sufficed to overpower this city, and the assistance of the resident rebel population of twice that number would have enabled them to hold it long enough to inflict a vast amount of lasting injury on the people and the city itself.

I have no authority for stating that the ringleaders of this plot are known, and are under surveillance. When the proclamation was first obtained all hands will be arrested. In the mean time, the principals cannot escape. The first information of what is going on will be a flight several days ago. One of the first precautionary measures was the removal of 250 rebel prisoners from McDowell's College prison to Alton, Ill. This prison left on Saturday. Very few persons at this time suspected that the transfer of so many prisoners had any connection with rebel designs on St. Louis; but the matter is now clear. The object was to remove the most dangerous of the prisoners at Fort Delaware to Alton, on the James river, to be exchanged. There are about 4000 of them. Preparations are also being made for the removal of prisoners from other localities.

MEXICAN CANADA.—Under this heading the Louisville *Journal* publishes the following paragraph:

Those D'Arcy McGee has hit upon an ingenious expedient to relieve Canada of the horrors of a supposed impending war between the United States and Great Britain. His proposition, in the event of a war, Canada remain neutral; neither helping nor hurting either antagonist. He argues that the United States will generally close with this offer, on the interests they have at stake on the great lakes is infinitely greater than those the English have in Canada. That is to say, should a war break out there is more American than English or Canadian property in peril of destruction. The government would confine the war to our own board, and relieve us of all anxiety as to our lake frontier. The scheme, strange to say, is considered quite feasible by many Canadian papers to which it is addressed that measures be taken to bring it to the consideration of the Government. The New York *World* has another proposition: "Let the Canadians annex themselves to this country, and form two or more powerful States in the Northern Confederacy. By that means they would advance their prosperity and be secured of perpetual peace. If they won't do this sensible thing, we must go on with our canal enlargement, even at the expense of their little remaining courage."

GENERAL NEWS.

As soon as it was known that the President had signed the confiscation act, and had sent in a message recommending his subordinates to do likewise, the Secretary of War issued an address to all the white waiters at Willard's Hotel, Washington, were discharged, and black ones took in their places.

A recent discovery of a rich vein of gold ore, in Tuscarora county, Ohio, at a depth of 325 feet from the surface, while drilling for coal, produced the most intense excitement in the surrounding country, and the scene of operations is thronged by thousands of people. The quartz becomes richer with gold as the ranger descends.

A numerous and influential deputation of Irish members of Parliament, and representatives from all the corporate and civil institutions in Ireland, recently waited upon Lord Palmerston, in London, to demand a charter for a Catholic University. His Lordship absolutely refused to comply with the request, and expressed himself unalterably opposed to the principle of sectarian education. The reply is regarded with great indignation in Ireland.

A prevalent cause for the disinclination to enlist is the great demand for labor. A Cooper's Island (Va.) correspondent wanted fifty laborers a few days since at $1 25 per day, but not a single application appeared. Businessmen on the Erie canal are now receiving $20 per month, and even this seems of such much trouble and expense almost any person can be hired, demand, no question to bring down the immense supply of grain from the West. Throughout the country laborers are in great demand on the farms.

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Orders have been transmitted from the Navy Department to the Charleston Navy Yard for the construction of an iron-clad battery, which, from its peculiar model, is unquestionably designed for harbor defense. It will be 200 feet long, 53 feet beam over all, and 11 feet deep. It is required to draw 12 feet, and to register 1300 tons. Her upper deck will be flush like that of the Monitor, neither bulwark nor railing rising above it. This deck will be covered with inch on plank, with one and a half inches of iron plating upon the sides of the hull. Her iron mail on the outside of the hull will be two inches thick. Workmen are making the blocks for the double turreted craft, which will be built at once in the upper ship house.

A correspondent of the Boston *Journal* writes from Washington: "As for Gen. McDowell, he seems to be very fond of [illegible] about Willard's as many of our correspondents need to do on the genuine McDowell style—but perhaps it is not the fault. In complaining this morning upon the subject, I was told that Gen. Pope was anxious to be with his troops, but that he was ordered to remain here by the President."

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE, } Thursday Evening, August 7, 1862.

SUGAR.—We have again to notice a good demand for this article, but the supply to the market is very limited. To-day's receipts were from Commercial, 47 hhds; Levee, 6 hhds; which are very fine. Consumers are paying 5¾@6¾ c. for Low to Choice; 7 @8c. for Prime.

MOLASSES.—The supply on the levee is light. To-day's sales were 100 bbls. Prime at 17c. ₱ gallon.

FLOUR.—A lot of 200 bbls. Extra sold at $5 25 ₱ bbl. Receipts to-day, but no sales were made. It is very generally held for much higher prices. We have had agents out to buy every lot of flour they could find, and have been unable to get at least a much smaller supply than the market demands, and further limited receipts within the next three or four weeks seem to be generally anticipated.

HAY, CORN, OATS AND BRAN.—The market is about bare of these articles. A supply would command ready sales at extreme prices. To-day's receipts were four loads prime Corn, 70 cts ₱ bushel; two sacks from 200 bales Northern Hay at 60 ₱ ton. Oats are quoted at 50@55 cts ₱ bushel. Bran is in demand at 90 cts ₱ bushel.

BACON.—The market is bare of Sides and Shoulders, and a small lot of ordinary mixed Corn is held at 22 ¾ ₱ bushel.

WHISKY.—Sacrified in selling at $1 20@1 25, and there is a good demand with buyers at $1 ₱ gallon.

WESTERN PRODUCE AND PROVISIONS.—The supply is extremely light and very high prices are being realized for nearly all descriptions. Pickled Pork is selling at 12½ cts ₱ lb. Prime Butter is held at 20 cts ₱ lb. Small lot of Prime Lard at 12½ cts ₱ lb. Smoked Hams, and 12½ ₱ lb. Dry Salted Shoulders, 9 cts ₱ lb. Choice Cheese, 12½ cts ₱ lb. Dried Apples, 6 cts ₱ lb. Peaches, 8 cts ₱ lb. Onions, 3 cts ₱ lb. Potatoes, 3 cts ₱ lb. Beans, 3 cts ₱ lb. Peas, 3 cts ₱ lb. Rice, 6 cts ₱ lb. Corn Meal, 3 cts ₱ lb. Flour, 5 cts ₱ lb. Sugar, 6 cts ₱ lb. Coffee, 20 cts ₱ lb. Tea, 75 cts ₱ lb. Molasses, 1 ct ₱ lb. Soap, 6 cts ₱ lb. Candles, 12½ cts ₱ lb. Tobacco, 25 cts ₱ lb. Whisky, 20 cts ₱ lb. Brandy, 25 cts ₱ lb. Wine, 25 cts ₱ lb. Beer, 5 cts ₱ lb. Milk, 5 cts ₱ lb. Eggs, 1 ct ₱ lb. Bread, 5 cts ₱ lb. Meat, 5 cts ₱ lb. Fish, 5 cts ₱ lb. Poultry, 5 cts ₱ lb. Vegetables, 5 cts ₱ lb. Fruit, 5 cts ₱ lb. Nuts, 5 cts ₱ lb. Spices, 5 cts ₱ lb. Salt, 5 cts ₱ lb. Pepper, 5 cts ₱ lb. Mustard, 5 cts ₱ lb. Vinegar, 5 cts ₱ lb. Oil, 5 cts ₱ lb. Butter, 5 cts ₱ lb. Cheese, 5 cts