

**REAL ESTATE.**—The following properties were disposed of last evening, at the Philadelphia Exchange, by Messrs. M. Thomas & Sons:

52 shares U. S. Life Ins. Annuity and Trust Company, \$49 50.  
50 shares North Pennsylvania Railroad, \$7.  
2 shares American Steamship Co., \$116.  
1 do. Academy of Fine Arts, \$18.  
1 do. Philadelphia Library, \$21.  
1 do. Athenaeum, \$15.  
1 do. Mercantile Library, \$8 50.  
Ground Rent of \$42, property on Church, near Mifflin street, 15x46 1/2 ft., \$400.  
Ground Rent of \$60, property adjoining the above, 15x 88 1/2 feet, \$550.  
Ground Rent of \$48, property adjoining, 15x88 1/2 feet, \$450.  
Ground Rent of \$42, same vicinity, 15x44 feet, \$400.  
Lots on Adams street, 40x150 1/2 feet, (Ground Rent \$40), and a lot on Cumberland street, 20x150 1/2 feet, (Ground Rent \$20), \$25.  
Country Place, of over ten acres, with improvements, Bensalem Township, Bucks co., \$4437 50.  
House and lot, No. 563 North Thirteenth street, 18x 80 feet, \$1200.  
House and lot, No. 639 Spruce st., 22x90 ft., \$10,750.  
House and lot, Spruce near William street, West Philadelphia, 100x176 feet, \$18,950.  
House and lot, No. 7 Castle street, 16 1/2 x 184 feet, with two story brick shop on the rear, \$2000.  
Lot 46x92 feet, with stores Nos. 101 and 102 Delaware Avenue, and Nos. 6 and 7 Lombard street, ground rent \$58 03, \$19,000.  
House and lot No. 259 south Front street, 22x130 ft. Ground rent \$58, \$5000.  
House and lot No. 861 Market street, 20 1/4 x 98 1/2 feet, \$4050.  
House and lot Filbert below Twentieth street, 14 1/2 x 51 1/2 feet, \$900.  
Lot, Broad above South street, 40x60 feet. Ground rent \$52, \$1800.  
House and lot adjoining the above, 20x60 ft. Ground rent \$10 1/2, \$1050.  
Ground rent of \$102 1/2 on the above property, \$165.  
House and lot, South below Fitzwater street, 18x86 feet. Ground rent, \$81, \$2775.

May 30, 1855

**SALES OF REAL ESTATE.**—James A. Freeman, auctioneer, sold the following Real Estate, last evening, at the Merchant's Exchange:

Three story brick house Ninth street, below Race, 17 feet front, 66 feet deep, \$34 ground rent, sold for \$2925.  
Property, Nicetown village, Howard street, near the Germantown Pike, 30 feet front, 120 feet deep, sold for \$500.  
Building lot, Nicetown village, adjoining, of the same dimensions, sold for \$450.  
Frame house and lot, Nicetown, adjoining the above, 30 feet front, 120 feet deep, sold for \$500.  
Three story frame house and lot, adjoining, 30 feet front by 120 feet deep, sold for \$500.  
Lot of ground, west of Second street, 145 feet south of Greenwich street, First Ward, 55 by 130 feet, gradually narrowing to 40 feet, sold for \$220.  
Business stand, No. 254 Race street, 17 feet front and 74 feet deep, sold for \$4,500.

May 31, 1855

**REAL ESTATE.**—The following properties were disposed of last evening, at the Philadelphia Exchange, by Messrs. M. Thomas & Sons:

\$40,000 first mortgage Camden and Atlantic RR. 7's, 60 per cent.  
14 shares Camden & Philadelphia Steamboat Ferry Co., \$60.  
500 shares Coal Run Imp't. Co., \$7 50.  
1 do Philada. Athenaeum, \$17 50.  
1 do Mercantile Library, \$8.  
2 do Havre de Grace Steam Tow Boat Co., \$222.  
4 do Monument Cemetery, \$20 50 to \$39.  
House and lot, No. 167 north Fourth street, 18x57 ft., ground rent \$30, \$1600.  
House and lot, No. 184 Locust street, 16x51 ft., \$2975.  
House and lot, No. 132 Locust st., 16x51 ft., \$2500.  
House and lot, S. W. corner Fourth and Green streets, 23x92 ft., \$14,800.  
House and lot, No. 31 Arch street, 16 1/2 x 102 ft., with a strip adjoining, 13x20 ft., \$7850.  
House and lot, No. 112 Filbert st., 18x76 ft., with three story brick house on the rear—ground rent, \$36, \$2400.  
House and lot, No. 426 north Front st., 18x150 feet, \$3400.  
House and lot, Carpenter street, below Ninth, 15x50 feet, \$550.  
House and lot adjoining, same dimensions, \$400.  
House and lot, No. 475 Brown st., 18x103 1/4 ft., ground rent \$39, \$2025.  
House and lot, No. 744 Poplar st., 33x90 ft., \$5300.  
Four story residence, Green st., east of 13th, north side, 17x81 ft., \$6875.

June 6, 1855

**The Fire Department.**—A communication was received, by Select Council, on Thursday, from the Chief Engineer of the Fire Department, containing the report of the Department for the last three months. From this we gather the following facts:—Number of fires in April, 19; do. May, 40; June, 29. Total, 88. False alarms, 12.

Loss in real estate, - - -	\$55,030
“ Personal property, - - -	57,960
Total loss, - - -	\$112,990
Insurance on real estate, - - -	\$32,303
“ Personal property, - - -	31,495
Total insurance, - - -	\$63,810
Loss of real estate over insurance, - - -	\$22,725
“ Personal property “ - - -	26,455
Total loss over insurance, - - -	\$49,180
Engine Companies in service, 27; Hose Companies, 18; Hook and Ladder Companies, 5. Total fire companies, 50.	
Number of feet of hose fit for service, - - -	31,400
“ “ ladders, - - -	703

**REAL ESTATE, STOCKS, &c.**—The following sales of Real Estate, Stocks, &c., were made by M. Thomas & Sons, Auctioneers, at the Philadelphia Exchange, on Tuesday evening:

\$2000 First Mortgage Camden and Atlantic Railroad 7 per cent. Coupon Bonds—79 per cent.  
Lease of Wharf opposite Nos. 101 and 102 South Delaware Avenue, nearly three years to run—\$725.  
All the right, title and interest of James Mason, dec'd, in a lot of ground on Martin street, First Ward, 15 feet front, 60 feet deep—\$10.  
One undivided thirteenth part of a frame tenement on lot of ground, adjoining the above, 15 feet front, 60 feet deep—\$35.  
Two lots of ground and frame stable, on Martin street, 30 feet front, 60 feet deep—\$10.  
Three story brick Dwelling and lot of ground, Penn street, west of Twelfth, (late Spring Garden,) 12 feet front 43 feet deep—\$1025.  
Three story brick Dwelling and lot of ground, adjoining the above, same dimensions—\$900.  
Three story brick Dwelling and lot of ground, adjoining the above, same dimensions—\$900.  
Two story brick Dwelling and lot of ground, Seventeenth street, north of Thompson, 16 feet 8 inches front, 100 feet deep, \$33 ground rent—\$310.  
Four story brick Store and Dwelling, and lot of ground, Lombard street, east of Twenty-second, 15 feet front, 66 feet deep, \$38 ground rent—\$1000.  
Three story brick Dwelling and lot of ground, 73 north Seventh street, 18 feet front, 86 feet deep—\$4570.  
Three story brick Store and Dwelling, No. 27 north Sixth street, and lot of ground, 15 feet front, 96 feet deep—\$6900.  
Two story stone Residence and lot of ground, corner of Main and Harvey streets, Germantown, 37 feet 11 inches front, 222 feet deep—\$3950.  
Three story brick Dwelling and lot of ground, Sixteenth street, south of Green, 18 feet front, 86 feet 10 inches deep—\$60 ground rent—\$3400.  
Lot of ground and frame tenement, Beach street, north of Poplar, 40 feet front, 100 feet deep, \$60 ground rent—\$2750.  
Brick and frame Stores and Dwellings, Frankford Road and Maiden street, 48 1/2 feet front, ground rent \$54—\$900.  
Brick and frame Store and Dwellings, and lot of ground, Beach street, above Maiden, 16 feet front, 90 feet deep—\$1750.  
Three story brick Store and Public Hall, corner of Eleventh and Anita streets, and lot of ground, 19 feet front, 64 feet deep, \$90 ground rent—\$1950.

July 5, 1855

**Real Estate Sale.**—The following properties were disposed of last evening, at the Philadelphia Exchange, by Messrs. M. Thomas & Sons.

1 share Arch street Theatre, (with season ticket,) \$335.  
200 shares Coal Run Improvement and Railroad Company, \$7.  
\$3000 Camden and Atlantic Railroad 7's coupon bonds, 75 per cent.  
20 shares Matthew Carey Building Association, \$57.  
1 share American Steamship Company, \$200.  
House and lot, No. 320 North Twelfth street, 17x 190 feet. Ground rent \$3000, \$7400.  
House and lot, Norris near Queen street, 34x72 feet. Ground rent \$48, \$760.  
Lot of Ground, Twelfth above Master street, 62x 173 feet, \$3300.  
Lot of Ground adjoining the above on the North, 46 1/2 x 173 feet, \$2250.  
Lot of Ground adjoining the preceding, on the North, 61 1/2 x 173 feet, \$3300.  
Frame house and lot, Spruce street near Second street, Camden, 30x100 feet, \$500.

Aug 22, 1855

**REAL ESTATE, STOCKS, &c.**—The following sales of Real Estate, Stocks, &c., were made by M. Thomas & Sons, Auctioneers, at the Philadelphia Exchange, on last evening:

44 shares Callaway Mining Co. of Missouri—\$14.  
200 do. Gap Mining Company—\$3 1/2.  
1 do. Mercantile Library Company—\$8 1/4.  
Pew No. 64, Grace Church—\$50.  
Lots Letter A, Nos. 19, 20, 21 and 22, Lutheran Cemetery Company—\$6.  
Two two story brick Dwellings, Ohio street, between Eleventh and Twelfth and Pine and Lombard streets, 41 feet front, 50 feet deep—\$3000.  
Three story brick Dwelling and lot of ground, Ninth street below Walnut, 20 feet front, 89 feet deep—\$7100.  
Store and Dwelling, and lot of ground, Sixth street, above Market, 16 feet front, 96 feet deep—\$6750.  
Store and Dwelling, and lot of ground, Poplar street, above Ninth, 18 feet front, 50 feet deep—\$2800.  
Three story brick Dwelling and lot of ground, College avenue, west of Nineteenth street, 21 feet front, 43 feet deep—\$1600.  
Three story brick Dwelling, with green-house and lot of ground, having fronts on West street, Wood street, and Capewell street, Kensington—\$4200.  
Building Lot, from Wood to Capewell street, 18 by 124 feet—\$640.  
Building Lot, Gaul and Norris streets, 136 by 59 feet—\$825.  
Building Lot, Capewell and Gaul streets, 24 by 54 feet—\$755.  
Six Building Lots, from Norris to Capewell streets—\$275 to \$455.  
Four Building Lots, fronts on Norris and West streets—\$400 to \$500.  
Ground Rent of \$66 a year—\$460.  
Ground Rent of \$49 50 a year—\$725.  
Three Ground Rents of \$39 a year each—\$485 to \$500.  
Two Ground Rents of \$20 a year each—\$400.  
Ground Rent of \$30 a year—\$420.

Sept. 12, 1855

**Real Estate Sales.**—The following properties were disposed of last evening, at the Philadelphia Exchange, by Messrs. M. Thomas & Sons:

42 shares Callaway Mining Co. of Missouri, \$104.  
10 do Columbia Ins. Co., \$4.  
1 do Philadelphia Athenaeum, \$178.  
1 do Mercantile Library, \$8 1/4.  
Lot of ground, Broad below Dauphin st., 17 by 89 feet, \$350.  
Lot, with four brick dwellings, North Second and Fidler sts., 20 by 113 feet, \$2000.  
House and Lot, No. 673 Vine st., 20 by 125 feet, \$8000.  
Farm of 184 acres in Moreland Township (23d Ward), near Bustleton, \$122 1/2 per acre, \$12,540.  
House and lot, No. 117 Vine st., 21 1/2 by 90 feet, \$6,450.  
Lot of 7 acres 52-100 perches, on line of New Westchester Railroad, 6 miles from Market Street Bridge, \$495 per acre.  
Lot of 16 acres 134 perches, on same line, \$290 per acre.  
Lot of 30 acres 114 perches, on same line, \$200.  
Stolen.—Yesterday afternoon, a horse and wagon, belonging to Mr. George Fow, were stolen from the corner of Second and Edward streets.

Sept. 16, 1855

Reported for the Pennsylvania Inquirer.

**Our Produce Markets.**—The Philadelphia produce markets were never better attended than at the present period. There is an abundance of every thing; and prices, with a few exceptions, are quite reasonable. Butter sells at 28 a 32 cents per pound, and eggs at 17 a 20 cents per dozen. Poultry continues scarce, there being no turkeys or geese in market. Ducks are worth 75 cts. a \$1 per pair; chickens 50 cts. a \$1; rail 62 1/2 cents; reed birds 37 1/2 cents per dozen; black birds 25 a 31 1/2 cents; frogs 13 1/2 a 50 cents; terrapin \$6; oysters, which are improving in quality, sell at \$1-50 a 6 per thousand, and clams at \$1 a 2 50.

There are no fresh salmon or sheep's head, and green turtle is scarce. Lobster sells at 8 a 10 cts. per lb.; halibut 12 1/2; rock 10; sea bass, porgies, and taylor fish, each 6 1/2; fresh cod 5; black fish 8; flounders 8, sturgeon 5.

Beef continues high; cattle, especially Chester county, being scarce. Choices cuts command 16 a 18 cents per pound; surloin steak 16 a 18; rump do, 14; corned 9 a 12 1/2; leg, each, 37 1/2 a 44; shin, each, 25 a 31 1/2; tongue, dry, 62 1/2 a 75; do, green, 45 a 50; kidney, each, 10 a 12 1/2; liver, 5 a 6 per lb.  
Mutton, lamb, and veal range from 6 1/2 a 12 1/2 cts. per pound.

Vegetables are plenty, and were never better in quality. Common potatoes sell at 50 a 56 cents per bushel; sweet do. at 50 a 87 1/2 cents per basket; corn 25 a 31 1/2; tomatoes 10 a 20; apples 20 a 37 1/2; peaches 50 a 87 1/2; pickles 31 1/2 a 37 1/2; peppers 20 a 25; watermelons, per hundred, \$5 a 14; citrons, per basket, 12 1/2 a 25; lima beans, per quart, 12 1/2 a 15 cents; turnips 14 a 16 cents per half peck; sturcheons 12 1/2 cents per quart; egg plants 2 a 6 cents each, or \$3 per hundred; cabbage 1 a 5 cents per head; celery 2 a 4 cents per bunch.

Blackberries sold at 8 a 10 cts. per quart; plums 10 a 12 cents; wortheberries 10 a 12 cents; wild cherries 6 a 8 cents.

Aug. 28, 1855.

**Real Estate Sale.**—Jas. A. Freeman, on Wednesday evening, at the Philadelphia Exchange, disposed of the following Real Estate, viz:

500 shares stock Northampton and Luzerne County Coal Company, 50 cents per share.  
1 share stock in the Mercantile Library, \$8.  
A two story frame and brick house and lot, east side of Second street above Callowhill, 20x90 feet. Clear of all incumbrance. \$6000.  
A lot of ground, Second street south of Jarvis Lane, and 196 feet 11 1/2 in. on Dickinson st. \$3300.  
A lot of ground on the south side of Dickinson street, 16x78 feet. Clear of incumbrance. \$365.  
A lot of ground and six three story brick houses, Washington street, between Columbia Avenue and Oxford street, 36x120 feet. \$72 ground rent. \$1750.  
Three story brick house and lot, Franklin Avenue, 22 1/2 x 86 feet. \$66 ground rent. \$1500.  
Lot of ground, Leopard street, Kensington, 22x 49 feet. \$32 ground rent. \$270.  
Three story brick house and lot, Carpenter st., 16x48 feet. \$47 ground rent. \$460.  
Three story brick dwelling and lot of ground, Fifth above Arch st., 14x50 feet. \$11 ls. ground rent. \$2700.  
Frame house and lot, Frankford Road, 25x100 feet deep, clear of all incumbrance, \$450.  
Building lot, adjoining the above, 25x100 feet deep. Clear of all incumbrance. \$330.  
Small farm, 37 1/2 acres, Bucks county, \$1550.

Aug. 16, 1855

## CITY BULLETIN.

**MILK AND MILKMEN.**—Steam has effected great revolutions in trade, and completely changed many things—it has created new wants and provided new ways of supplying old ones. Cooking, warming, travelling and working are now done by steam, and if eating and drinking, loving and hating are not done by steam, the great agent is made to serve instrumentally in the performance of those essential or natural operations. Among other odd things that hot water has done it has nearly driven out of existence the ancient and honorable class of *dona fide* milkmen. It is a strange feat for heated vapor to perform, but it has nevertheless been accomplished by it. There are still men about town who call themselves milkmen, and who are called by that title by courtesy, but who are no more like the genuine milkman of bygone days than an engineer on a locomotive is like a stage driver, or a modern policeman is like the venerable big coated watchmen who erst flourished under the shadow of the Court House at Second and Market streets. We have in our possession an almanac published about the period of the revolution, the former owner of which—we mean the almanac—seems to have encouraged a taste for meteorological observation. The blank spaces of every leaf are filled with interpolated remarks upon the weather, among which such entries as the following occur quite frequently: “The Milkman says there was a heavy frost this morning.” “The Milkman had much difficulty in getting to town this morning, the snow was three feet deep in some places on the road.” “The hot weather still continues, the milkman says the fields are drying up and flour is going to be dear.”

The oracular milkman has disappeared—the milkman of so much profundity of weather-wisdom has gone out of fashion, and the milkman of the present age, instead of having a stock of experience equal to that accorded to the “oldest inhabitant,” and a stock of local wisdom peculiar to “old residents,” is nothing more than an ordinary individual who obtains a churn of milk at a railroad depot, and peddles it about town without knowing anything more concerning the condition of the roads, the state of the weather, or the prospects of the crops, than would come within the knowledge and purvey of an omnibus driver or a newspaper carrier.

Steam has done all this. The milkman no longer starts from his dairy-farm long before daylight, and makes the best of his way citywards, in his covered wagon, in time to serve his customers with cream for their maternal coffee, and milk for their noontide puddings. The lacteous fluid is now brought to the city on railroads, with lightning speed, and dispensed from depots in town. From the rich pasture lands of Chester, Montgomery, and Delaware Counties, thousand of gallons of milk and cream are sent daily to the railway stations and whisked off to town without regard to weather or the condition of the roads. Ice cream is also manufactured on the spot where the material is raised and sent to town in large quantities. On several of the railroads diverging from the city there are regular milk-trains which do a heavy business.

The increase in the size of the city and its population demands increased facilities for supplying the wants of the latter. Some of the old dairy-farms that once furnished Philadelphia with milk and cream, are now covered with blocks of houses which form part and parcel of the very city the milkmen of old had so much trouble in reaching, when roads were deeply rutted, or when snows were heavy. The old fashioned means and appliances would no more supply the city with milk at the present time, than the wood-shallops that in former days lay at Dock street wharf would now suffice to bring hither all the fuel required. We cannot conscientiously mourn over the disappearance of the ancient milkman, not, however, “because we love the milkman less, but because we love progress more.” Milkmen were a very agreeable and useful institution in their time, and their daily gossip and their weather-wisdom were pleasant and profitable. But the march of improvement has left them far in the back ground, and the demands of the age have created facilities in keeping with the times.

Aug. 1, 1855

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