

BIDDING FOR THE RIVER WORK.

Philadelphia Firms Anxious to Clear Out the Delaware Islands.

Major C. W. Raymond, of the United States Engineer Corps, yesterday opened the new bids made necessary by the failure of Mundy & Co. to properly carry out their contract to remove the river islands. Although the specifications were sent to twenty firms along the Atlantic coast, only three bids were filed and they were by Philadelphia companies.

They were Michael J. Coffey, Nicholas and Michael J. Connolly, \$2,987,750; American Dredging Company, \$3,403,780; Penn Dredging Company, \$3,541,280.

Major Raymond will investigate each bidder's plant and bondsmen, and generally their ability to carry out the contract, then send the proposals to Washington with his recommendations as to which he thinks should have the contract.

Lawyer Lukens Married.

A very pretty wedding took place last evening at the home of Mr. Thomas Patton, 1622 Pine street, when his daughter, Miss Margaret Patton, was united in marriage to Mr. Edward Fell Lukens, Rev. Joseph Welsh officiating. Miss Ida May Patton, sister of the bride, acted as maid of honor and C. Edward Oram as best man. The groom is a young lawyer of considerable prominence and is a son of Ex-Magistrate Lukens. The gifts were numerous and exceedingly beautiful.