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NEW ORLEANS:
TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 17, 1866.

AUCTION SALES THIS DAY.

G. de Pardot sells a lot of ground in the Second District of this city, in square bounded by Dumaine, St. Philip, Derbigny and Roman streets, at 12 o'clock, M., at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, between Canal and Custombouse streets.

GRAND CONCERT.—A very pleasant musical entertainment is anticipated this evening at the New Opera House. The occasion is the grand concert to be given by the Fenner's Battery Mutual Relief Association, under the direction of Professor E. O. Eaton, assisted by a number of talented amateurs, young ladies and gentlemen of the city. Among them is that charming vocalist and popular favorite, Miss McLean. Tickets can be had at the principal music stores.

A FORTUNATE CASE OF LIFE AND ACCIDENT INSURANCE.—Mr. D. Maupay, the agricultural and garden seedsman, of this city, was sent injured by the collision on the Mobile and Ohio Railroad, at Enterprise, as seriously as at first reported. We are assured that his condition is not dangerous, and that there is not the least occasion for amputation. We also learn in this connection the noteworthy fact that he had the misfortune to be insured in the office of the Great Western and Southern Life and Accident Company to the amount of $10,000. He will in consequence be entitled to receive from the Company $50 per week compensation for a period not to exceed twenty-six weeks.

THE LATE ALFRED DOLHONDE.—An obituary notice in another place records the death, and designates the place and hour of the funeral, of Alfred Dolhonde, one of our most estimable citizens, a member of one of the oldest and worthiest families of the State. An accomplished gentleman, the deceased was also a man of rare energy, diligence, and business qualifications. He was a partner in the firm of Wallis & Co., and brother to the Dolhonde of the firms of Martin, Dolhonde & Co., and Bonneval & Dolhonde, of this city.

GEN. SHERMAN AND HISTORY.

A curious and a sad branch of pathology is that which deals with the agitations, anxieties, and perplexities of a mind haunted with the reminiscences of gone insanity. Such a case in a nature as to draw upon its author grave ridicule or great opprobrium. The man who has committed some signal blunder or some flagrant wrong, is almost certain to be his own critic or monitor, through the whole world, through charity or through fear, should be in that regard as silent as the tomb. It has not been reported that General W. T. Sherman, in the late war, did anything that was very foolish, nor is it recorded among official annals, or in the historiographic literature of the age, that his career was distinguished by deeds of needless cruelty and exceptional atrocity. But it will not be his fault if the public shall not become familiar with this last imputation. It will not be his fault if men of fearless candor and of conscientious love of truth shall not feel challenged, by his self-assessment, and self-commendation as well, to search his campaigns from end to end, and with unsparing veracity expose to view the counterpart of that "perilous stuff" which stems constantly to lay heavy on his heart. It will not be his fault if his name shall not go down to future times associated with the wantonest ravages, the most dire inhumanities and sickening abominations of war. It will not be his fault if the historical Rhadamanthus of the future shall grant as may have been the fame of his military exploits, allot him a niche, not in a gallery which holds such generals as Frederic, Marlborough, Cæsar, Scipio, or even Hannibal, but rather in that room which holds Attala, Alaric, and Tamerlane, and others, whose marches have been stained with pestilence and famine under the awfully significant designation of "scourge." Why it will not be his fault if these things shall yet come to pass, because he lets no occasion go without coupling with laudatory retrospect of his military operations a plea of defense for the "smashing" principle upon which they were conducted. For example, the inevitable topic found a place in a Fourth of July speech made by him in Illinois. He said:

As I said then before, I did not intend to make a Fourth of July speech, and I am glad to see the Governor come to my rescue. But there are two or three points in the history of the war that I want you Illinois boys to bear in mind. During the progress of the war I could not always talk confidentially with you. We had to be very careful how the information of our intentions should reach our enemies. If I had told in advance what I was going to do, the enemy would have prepared themselves against it. Now it was the desire of our officers to accomplish the object of the war and restore you back to your families. We did not like to see bloshed; but we were determined to get positive results. We fought them fast as face confronted them. They drew us on and on, and brought us in their rear. We [illegible] from Nashville to Atlanta, [illegible] on stringing out the army the [illegible] enemy would have dwindled down [illegible] and we could have been readily [illegible], therefore we stopped playing the game of guarding their cities, and commenced fighting them. There are many who accuse me of being inhuman. I appeal to you if I have been unkind to you. I don't care what they say. I divided the army under my command into two parts, I to my good friend [illegible], and we whaled away with both, and if their cities were destroyed it was absolutely necessary under the circumstances, and by that system of war I have to-day that other army right out here beaten.

Gen. Sherman's repeated efforts to justify, in whole and in detail, the destructive policy which he pursued whenever in an independent command, are not fail to recall the adage that one who defends himself when not accused is his own accuser. In regard to incidents of his "smashing" marches through Georgia and and South Carolina especially, it would seem as though his mind had fallen into a chronic state of self-accusation. He is becoming a psychological study. Go where he may, let him be surrounded by a host of friends or foes, he seems to say, he is still mentally retracing his war paths marked by the charred ruins of cities, villages, farm houses, and by the decimating fires of shelterless and famine-stricken populations, the victims, at the hands of those human vultures, jackals, hyenas, and satyrs, the "bummers," of every species of soldier and outrage which either wickedness or necessity could suggest.

To be sure, Gen. Sherman says: "There are many who accuse me of being inhuman"—but, whoever they are, he does not admit that they are competent accusers. He claims to be out of their jurisdiction. Then why does he enter a defense? Until legally accused, he owes no plea. His language implies that he conceives that accusation against him emanates from somewhere in the South, and he denies that he can be held to account in that quarter. He is content if the people of another section will give him the credit of not having been "subdued" to them. He then sets up the easy and the hackneyed plea of necessity for whatever inhumanity his manner of campaigning inflicted upon others. It is a melancholy spectacle to see so famous a General confessing that he cannot, with all the advantages which modern improvements in warfare give him, make war successfully except by devastating and depopulating a country without remorse, and to the uttermost reach of destructive agencies, human and mechanical.

But we pretend not to pass judgment on Gen. Sherman's theory or practice of war. We have merely purposed to remark briefly on his habit of self accusation in the shape of gratuitous defense. He need not be anxious on the score of false or injurious impressions becoming fixed in public opinion. History will at last clear up all doubts, and do justice alike to the moral and the strategical questions involved in his campaigns. If they had their grandeur, they had their nullities, barbarities and atrocities, that were preventable and unnecessary, history will restore to find them out. In jaws are as voracious as the Grave and its arms as long, searching and inevitable as Death's. As certainly as these arms will clutch the most long-lived of "Sherman's bummers," history will grasp the true fame and stature of Gen. Sherman and hold them up between heaven and earth for men and angels to contemplate.

Passengers per steamship Harmon, Livingston from New York

A Calcraft, M Rowbon, J Buckley, Mrs Mary Zeigler and child, E J White, Dr Reyes, J W Dixon, Mrs Mallet and lady, Mrs Bell, and 2 in the steerage and 200 soldiers and men of U. S. Infantry.

Passenger list of steamship Sheridan:

Mrs A C Sherrett and 3 children, Wm C Robbins and lady, Chas B Chambers, Mrs M Boucher, Mr J T Wilson.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

Southwest Pass, July 16.—The brig Commodore is still at anchor off Pilot Town. Nothing else in sight. Wind South by East, light. Weather fine.

Vicksburg, July 16.—Passed up, Mississippi, at 12 M., and Commonwealth at 8 P. M. River falling.

[NOTE.—The lines of telegraph are interrupted in all directions to-night.]

[Associated Press Dispatches—Last Evening.]

From Europe—Another Great Battle between the Austrians and Prussians—The Prussians Victorious—14,000 Austrians Captured—Terrible Losses on Both Sides—A European Congress Proposed—Advance in Cotton—Reward Out for the Philadelphia Conventioneers—Gold and Cotton in New York.

Fulton Point, July 16.—The steamer Nova Scotian, from Liverpool on the 5th via Londonderry the evening of the 6th, passed this point en route for Quebec this afternoon.

A great battle occurred on the third near Leditz. The Prussians gained a complete victory, capturing 14,000 Austrians. The losses on both sides are terrible. Austria has sent in a flag of truce.

Austria has agreed to the cession of Venetia, and accepted Napoleon as mediator. Napoleon immediately communicated with the belligerents.

London, July 6.—The Prussian and Italian reply to the proposed armistice has not yet transpired. There are rumors that the Prussian reply is not favorable.

The *Morning Post* thinks a European Congress will shortly assemble, and the French Government will propose a general disarmament.

In the commercial circles of London, peace is regarded as fully concluded.

Liverpool, July 6.—Cotton sales for the week 80,000 bales. Prices have advanced ¼ to ⅜ d. on the week, closing with an upward tendency. The sales to-day (Friday) were 20,000 bales, the market closing buoyant. Middling Orleans 14½d.

London, July 6.—Consols for money 87⅜. U. S. 5-20's, 67¾.

There are slight prospects of peace.

Liverpool, July 6.—Cotton market, according to the brokers' circular: Sales for the week 80,000 bales, including 8,500 to speculations, and 19,500 to exporters.

The market opened dull and downward, but closed buoyant with an advance of ⅛ to ¼d. on American and ⅛d. on other descriptions, owing to the prospects of peace.

The sales to-day were 20,000 bales, the market closing firmer and prices advancing. The authorized quotations are as follows: Orleans Fair 16d., Middling Orleans 14½d., Uplands Fair 15¾d., Middling Uplands 14d., Uplands Fair 15⅜d., Middling Uplands 14d.

The stock in port amounts to 347,000 bales, including 230,000 of American qualities.

The breadstuffs market closed very dull, with a decline in all qualities.

The provision market is inactive, but prices are steady.

Bullion, July 6.—Consols closed at 87¼ to 87⅜ for money. The bullion in the Bank of England has decreased £165,000. U. S. 5-20's 67 to 67¼.

Washington, July 16.—Letters from Secretary of State Seward and Secretary Gideon Welles relative to the Philadelphia Convention are published.

The former strongly sustains it, and expresses the belief that the party as now organized cannot restore the Union.

Speed expresses the conviction and places his trust in Andrew Johnson.

New York, July 16, 1 P. M.—Cotton buoyant at 36 to 37.

Gold 144¾. Sterling Exchange, sight 111.

Sheridan Fund, July 16.—The steamship Gen. Sheridan, from New York, passed up at 7 o'clock last night.

The Mississippi brig Cosmopolitan, from Tarpan, in ballast, has arrived inside and anchored off Pilot Town.

The steamship Admiral Foote passed down at 8 last night.

There is nothing else new. Nothing in sight. Weather fine. Wind N. E., light.

The Call for a Convention of Southern Statesmen.

The following is the call for a convention issued by Southern Statesmen:

To the Loyal Citizens of the South:

The great issue is upon us. The majority in Congress, and its supporters, firmly declare that the rights of the citizen, enumerated by the Constitution and established by the arbitrament of the sword, must be maintained inviolate. Rebels and rebel sympathizers assert that the rights of the citizen guaranteed by the above bodies, and under such regulations as the respective States choose voluntarily to prescribe. We have seen this doctrine of State sovereignty carried to its practical results, until all authority in Congress is abandoned, the Union temporarily destroyed, the rights of the citizens of the South nearly annihilated, and the whole country left in a state of war. The time has come when the structure of the Southern States government must be laid on constitutional foundations. The people have grown up under an atrocious leadership to be admitted to remain. We know of no other plan than that Congress, under its constitutional power, shall now exercise its authority to establish the principle whereby protection is made co-extensive with citizenship. We maintain that no State, and no organic law or legislation, can make transgression on the rights of citizens legitimate.

We demand, and ask you to concur in demanding, that the loyal citizens of the great republic, on the basis of equality before the law, and further, that no State Government should be established which does not, in its constitution, in as far as it does not by its constitution make impartial protection full and complete. Under the doctrine of State sovereignty, with rebels in the foreground, unscrupulous Southern Legislatures, and embittered by disappointment in their schemes to destroy the Union, there will be no protection for the loyal element of the South. Our reliance for protection is now on Congress and the great Union party that has stood forward, inspired by the nation, by the constitutional rights of its citizens, and by the beneficent principle of free government for the purpose of bringing the loyal Union men of the South into competency. The Southern people should be in full accordance with the true friends of the Republican Government at the North, we invite you to join with us in the Southern States, by calling Missouri, Kentucky, West Virginia, Maryland and Delaware, to meet at Independence Hall, in the city of Philadelphia, on the 14th day of August next.

It is provided that we should meet at that time, to recommend the re-establishment of such governments in the South as accords with and protects the rights of all citizens. We trust that this call will be responded to by numerous delegations of such as represent the true loyalty of the South, and that kind of government which gives full protection to all the rights of the citizen, such as our fathers intended, and we claim for our birthright. Either the levers of constitutional liberty must rule the nation, or rebels and their sympathizers be permitted to rule it.

Shall loyalty or disloyalty have the keeping of the destinies of the nation? Let the response to this call which is now in circulation for signatures, and is being numerously signed, answer. Notice is given that gentlemen at a distance can have their names attached to it by addressing a request by letter directed to D. W. Bingham, Washington, D. C.

(Signed)	J. M. Shorter, Alexandria.
W. B. Sheppard, Texas.	
Joseph S. Fowler, Tenn.	Allen O. Hansom, Alexandria.
Andrew Johnson, Tenn.	Lewis Hall, Vt.
A. J. Hamilton, Texas.	J. H. Hammond, Vt.
Geo. W. Paschall Texas.	J. C. Underwood, Va.
Edmund Cooper, Va.	Byron Kuhn, D. C.
G. W. Ashburn, Ga.	B. Wardwell, Va.
Benj. Cole, Ga.	Wm. Logan, N. C.
J. W. McClure, Mo.	Byron Kuhn, D. C.
Jas. B. Eaton, Mo.	Alonzo Ball, N. C.
J. S. Rollins, Mo.	Geo. Rosse, Alabama.
Geo. W. Anderson, Mo.	D. B. Bingham, Ala.
A. B. Frank, Buffalo, N. Y.	Wm. Hall, Ala.
	J. H. Lowndes, Ala.

The German Fatherland.

The London Pall Mall *Gazette*, which, by the way, is usually a fair-minded paper, puts a very strange blunder, says the N. Y. *World*, in regard to what it denounces as the destructive tendencies of German patriotism by the war which has just broken out in Germany. "This Austro-Prussian war," says the *Gazette*, "is, to all intents and purposes, a civil war, and a civil war, moreover, in the hearts of a people who have ever been loudest in the proclamation of of their brotherhood as Germans. Where now are they singing, as they have sung for generations past, their old patriotic song:

Wo ist das Deutschen Vaterland?
Ist's Preussenland, ist Schwabenland?

Where, indeed, is the fatherland? The old patriotic song, dating no older than the "year of liberation," fought by Germany against Napoleon I? It was written by Ernst Moritz Arndt for the purpose of helping to consecrate, half a century ago, that very "German brotherhood" which the *Pall Mall Gazette* sentimentalizes over as if it had for generations back been the leading characteristic of German history. As a matter of fact, "German brotherhood" has never existed. The Germans of the south and the north have hated each other with a pure and perfect hatred for ages, and as in Italy, so also in Germany, the division of the common fatherland into a great number of more or less independent local States has produced a corresponding development of local loves and hates utterly opposed to, and inconsistent with, anything like a general German patriotism.

"What is the German a Fatherland?" asks Arndt in his song. One result of the present war, perhaps, will be to answer this question; but it has certainly never been answered before, though it has been asked by all manner of people, in all manner of ways, from the days of Conradin of Hohenstaufen to our own

CITIZENS OF CLINTON, LA., ARRESTED.—The Clinton, La., *Democrat*, of the 14th, says:

At Jackson, on Thursday morning, about daylight, squads of negro soldiers surrounded the dwelling places of several citizens, and arrested them. They are charged with having some complicity with the taking out of the negro schoolmaster. Not long after it was allowed them to arrange their affairs, and they were hurried off to Baton Rouge under strong guard. The prisoners are the names of the persons arrested: Alf. Hazzard, Geo. Cox, James Irwin, Eldridge Atkinson, Geo. Shules, Frank Norsworthy, Plem. Stewart, and ——— Harris. Arrangements were made through intercession given by a negro man residing in Jackson. Reliable gentlemen of that place in that there is no ground whatever for these proceedings.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Military Arrest.—Some little commotion was created yesterday morning as a strong military guard escorted a party of some nine gentlemen citizens of Clinton, La.—along the Charles street. They are charged with being implicated in the abduction of a negro school-master teaching in that section, and were arrested on information furnished by a negro man residing in Jackson, La. Their names are as follows: Alf. Hazzard, Geo. Cox, Jas. Drain, Eldridge Atkinson, Geo. Shules, Frank Norsworth, Plem. Stewart and ——— Harris. We were unable to learn what disposition had been made of the prisoners.

Attempted Rape.—A man enjoying the comforts of a home, in the house of a much esteemed lady in the First District, as a return for the many acts of kindness extended him, attempted, with devilish spirit, to outrage the person of her child, who is but 6 years old. He has been arrested, and is now awaiting the rigors of the law.

Suicide.—The Coroner yesterday held an inquest on the body of a young lady named Josephine Le Normand, who committed suicide by shooting herself through the head at her father's residence, No. 67 Dumaine street, on Wednesday evening. Mr. Le Normand, father of deceased, testified that his daughter wished to marry a certain gentleman to whom he objected. She requested him to give her $3000 in gold, which he refused, and he assigns these facts to be the cause of her suicide.

Miss Marie Cassel testified that on the day of the occasion the deceased was in her room and appeared very angry. The father said to the daughter, "Will you kiss me?" She replied, "No, I am too angry." Witness went into the yard, and in a short time Mr. Le Normand came out saying, "She has shot herself." Previous to the occasion the father and daughter have always lived on the most friendly terms.

The jury rendered a verdict in accordance with the above facts.

House Entered.—The House No. 106 Elysian Fields street, occupied by Mr. Jos. Proctor, was entered between the hours of 6 and 8 o'clock Sunday night. The proprietor being absent from town, the house was in charge of a negro, who was unable to give any information as to the amount of property stolen by the perpetrator of the deed. A chisel had evidently been used to open the armoir, while a box of silverware was scattered promiscuously around the room. No clue has been obtained to the perpetrators.

Died Suddenly.—A man named Jack Shannon, while employed in the building now being erected corner 4th and Chestnut streets, fell down yesterday and expired suddenly.

An Improvement.—As an addition to the numerous improvements now in progress in the upper parts of the city, we take pleasure in announcing the erection of a bell on the cupola of the Methodist church, corner of Camp and Terpsichore streets. The bell being connected with the centralstation, will peal forth each successive hour for the information of the good people of that locality.

First District Court.—Judge Abell.—The motion for a new trial in the case of Jno. McHugh, John Murphy, F. O'Brien, John Bannon, and Roger Cogan, found guilty of robbery, was argued. A new trial was refused in the case of McHugh and Murphy. The case of the remaining prisoners were taken under consideration.

James A. Warrington, found guilty of assault and pounding with a dangerous weapon, was sentenced to confinement in the Parish Prison for six months and pay a fine of four hundred, of which to undergo an additional month in prison.

The Court adjourned to meet on Thursday morning.

Recorder Letten's Court.—J. Cheesemire was arraigned, charged with being drunk and disorderly. Fined $10.

Several parties charged with minor offenses were disposed by imposing a light fine.

Recorder Vennard's Court.—The few cases disposed of in this Court, yesterday morning, were altogether of a non-essential character and totally devoid of public interest.

Recorder Gastinel's Court.—Assistant Recorder Cunningham presiding.

Jas Sanders, 17th U. S. Infantry, was arraigned charged with disturbing the peace, and fined $10.

Madame Gelvone, charged by Mrs. Mosser with assault and battery, was required to furnish $500 bonds for three months.

Pierre Darnes and M. Troche, charged with horse stealing, were required to furnish $500 bonds for a further hearing.

Derbigny, colored, charged by Ada Bell with stealing copper pipe valued at $60, from her residence, corner Robin and Third streets, was sent before the First District Court and bail required in $1000.

Recorder Abera's Court.—Julius Strickland was arraigned, charged by John Sherman with having committed an assault and battery on him while on the steamship landing, was discharged.

Two police officers—M. Scully and James Rice—were turned over to the tender mercies of the Chief of Police, who, in turn, will send them before the Police Commission for trial, on a charge of being drunk and disturbing the peace.

RED RIVER COTTON CROP.—The Caddo *Gazette* of July 12th says:

The cotton crop on the hills is very small, and some of it is still in the grass. The re-planted cotton on the overflowed lands, is growing rapidly, and appears now beginning to show fruit. Here and there, on the river, may be found a field of old-section which is filled with bolls, blooms and squares, and promises a full yield. If the season is wet, and we have an early frost, the re-planted cotton will run to weed and scarcely make any lint. If the season should be dry, and the fall late and warm, a half crop may be made.

From practical planters who have just returned from a trip down the Texas country on Red river, we learn that the cotton crop is very good, and that more land had been planted than is generally supposed. There are fifteen or twenty counties of Texas which ship their cotton from Shreveport.

The Wonderful Meal Stone—A Large Quantity of it Wasted in Virginia.

[Richmond (Va.) Correspondence (June 17) of the New York Times.]

Having a tale to tell more wonderful than any that lightened the hours of the Arabian Nights, I have reserved it to the last. Southern Virginia has long been noted for its mineral wealth, but is destined to be more famous by the fact that it has lately shown itself possessed of a mine of "the wonderful meal stone," very limited, to be sure, as to quantity, but unique and inexplicable as to value, and as the matter is important, I propose to trace the matter fully.

Everybody has long heard of the famous meal stone, not more than a score of which was known to be in existence. In Virginia the substance is known as the Ponto stone, from the fact that Dr. Patrick Long, of Ponto, was resident of the region where the late discovery was made, was the first to use it, and from him all the known specimens have come. The instances where the Ponto stone has cured and prevented hydrophobia are very numerous, but that Dr. Ponto, (long since dead) a resident of the region where the late discovery was made, was the first to use it, and from him all the known specimens have come. The instances where the Ponto stone has cured and prevented hydrophobia are very numerous, but much of promise, and I come to my history, first saying that the parties not yet knowing exactly how to proceed, I do not feel at liberty to give names in full, and therefore use initial letters.

About six weeks ago a Mr. G., a resident of Halifax, came to Dr. M. and said he had found something that looked like the Ponto stone, and, producing a dozen pieces, washed the doctor to experiment on them. The doctor was skeptical, but, to accommodate his friend, undertook to comply with his desire. For some time no opportunity for experiment was presented—mad dogs fortunately not being very plenty in this place loading corn shucks, gathered up in one awful a huge copperhead snake which bit him on the arm just about the wrist. The negro yelled of course, but stopping only to tie a suspender tightly around the arm above the bite, started in the ran for the doctor. The doctor was not great, but by the time he arrived the arm had greatly swollen, thus shelving the poison to be very virulent. Dr. M. resolved on trying the stone, and applied it, following the directions in the use of the Ponto stone. In the present instance the stone clung to the negroe's arm with wonderful tenacity for a few moments and then fell off, the swelling, meantime, sensibly decreasing. It was then put in lukewarm water, and the poison was distinctly seen to exude from it. Being taken out of the water and thoroughly dried, it was again applied and again adhered, but not so long as before nor with the same terrible grip. Then when it came off all the poison in the negroe's veins came with it, or at least the same back to work at once, and within an hour of the time he was bitten, and has showed no signs of the virus since.

"It was thus satisfactorily established to Dr. M., that the stone would extract the poison of a snake, and it instantly occurred to him that if it was an antidote for one kind of poison it was for another, and he pursued his experiments further. He next applied the stone to venereal poisons, and with precisely the same effect. The case was one in the primary stage, and of very virulent character, and in three days an entire cure had been perfected.

"Having thus discovered the great value of the stone, Dr. M. attempted next to trace the discovery of the new stone to it, but with only partial success. G. would admit only that he had "found some of it," but could not be induced to say when, where, how, or how much further than he might supply a hundred pounds or so. From a negroe, however, it was extracted that G. had come upon the substance while digging a mill-race; that he had scrutinized it closely, taken a specimen and instantly abandoned the mill-race by that route, and restored the ground where the discovery was made to the original site. That was all he could or would tell the negro tell, and the secret is buried with the two and likely so to remain. Dr. M., however, said his brother J. A. M., on this slight information, had secured a large sum for a half interest in the stone, with a view of having it introduced into the practice of medicine.

"I had spoken of this thing as a stone, but it is nothing of the sort, being evidently a vegetable and not a mineral substance. It is found in small pieces, and is of three colors—jet black and two shades of drab white. I have two pieces now before me—one a murky white, an inch and a half long, half an inch wide, and an eighth of an inch in thickness the other jet black and of the same dimensions except being a little wider.

"I may mention, in conclusion, that pieces of the stone have been placed in the hands of eminent New York chemist during the past week for the purpose of analysis, and of experimenting in the large hospitals of the city."

Gov. Hamilton in Washington and His Programme.

The Washington correspondent of the New York *Herald* makes the following statement in reference to Gov. Hamilton, of Texas, who has been in Washington for some days

Gov. Hamilton, on his arrival here, called upon the President, and was admitted to a long and confidential interview. He called a second time, and was received in like manner, as his predecessors demanded, he claiming to be a warm and devoted friend of the President, and an admirer of his administration. But it does not appear as all likely that he will call again, or that, if he shall call, he will meet with so cordial a reception. And the reason why his reception will be different from that he has hitherto met will be gathered from a prominent gentleman of Texas, and indisputably loyal man, well known throughout the country. This letter was received here a few days since, and has been laid before the President. The writer and recipient are alike well-known, and the information conveyed in the letter is beyond doubt. The letter says:

GALVESTON, TEXAS, June 6, 1866.

DEAR ——: Governor Hamilton leaves here to-morrow for Washington. From sources, no doubt perfectly reliable, I learn that he goes on as the invitation Radical Senator Coffee, Davis, Ball and others, who regard him, as one of his admirers tells me, as the great man of the Democratic party South of the Potomac.

His programme, I believe, will be to produce or accept a rupture with the President. He will then be serenaded by the Radicals, and will lay before the public the condition of the Union men in Texas and in the South, alleging that the army alone protects them from being driven out of the country and exposed to every kind of outrage; and that if the Governor of Texas who this month will be elected by the people of Texas—Throckmorton—is permitted to be inaugurated, he will organize a State Police and disband the army, and thereby expose the people of Memphis and the entire South, and to sustain a long string of indictments against the President and his policy of reconstruction. Some sitty gentlemen of the Radical persuasion speak mysteriously concerning its forthcoming revelations and are agitated by fear as to what that it will be made the basis for some attempt by this session of Congress to not only double the size of the regular army, but to post it at strategic points in the South, and to depose the President of his constitutional office of Commander-in-Chief. Such persons say the latter declare that Governor Hamilton will in this manner unless a way can first be devised for stripping the President of his constitutional power to thwart their plans during recess.—*Wash. Cor. N. Y. Herald.*

Official Account of the Condition and Prospects of Wheat and other Food Crops.

WASHINGTON, Friday, June 22.

The monthly report of the Department of Agriculture is published. The apprehension of a scarcity of breadstuffs, and consequent compulsory economy of consumption or warrant extraordinary prices, are groundless. From an annual survey of crops, volunteered by the most intelligent and practical farmers in all parts of the country, and from personal observation in the course of official duties, I am convinced that the harvests of wheat, rye, oats, barley, potatoes, and hay will be more than sufficient for the wants of the people. The wheat crop will be unusually large, and of unusually good quality. The yield of corn will be large, but the quality will be inferior in consequence of the backward season. The crop of cotton will be large, and of unusually good quality. The crop of tobacco will be large, and of good quality. The crop of sugar will be large, and of good quality. The crop of rice will be large, and of good quality. The crop of potatoes will be large, and of good quality. The crop of hay will be large, and of good quality. The crop of oats will be large, and of good quality. The crop of barley will be large, and of good quality. The crop of rye will be large, and of good quality. The crop of buckwheat will be large, and of good quality. The crop of flax will be large, and of good quality. The crop of hemp will be large, and of good quality. The crop of broom corn will be large, and of good quality. The crop of sorghum will be large, and of good quality. The crop of maple sugar will be large, and of good quality. The crop of honey will be large, and of good quality. The crop of beeswax will be large, and of good quality. The crop of tallow will be large, and of good quality. The crop of lard will be large, and of good quality. The crop of butter will be large, and of good quality. The crop of cheese will be large, and of good quality. The crop of milk will be large, and of good quality. The crop of cream will be large, and of good quality. The crop of eggs will be large, and of good quality. The crop of poultry will be large, and of good quality. The crop of game will be large, and of good quality. The crop of fish will be large, and of good quality. The crop of oysters will be large, and of good quality. The crop of clams will be large, and of good quality. The crop of lobsters will be large, and of good quality. The crop of crabs will be large, and of good quality. The crop of shrimp will be large, and of good quality. The crop of terrapin will be large, and of good quality. The crop of turtle will be large, and of good quality. The crop of alligator will be large, and of good quality. The crop of snake will be large, and of good quality. The crop of lizard will be large, and of good quality. The crop of frog will be large, and of good quality. The crop of toad will be large, and of good quality. The crop of worm will be large, and of good quality. The crop of insect will be large, and of good quality. The crop of bug will be large, and of good quality. The crop of fly will be large, and of good quality. The crop of mosquito will be large, and of good quality. The crop of flea will be large, and of good quality. The crop of louse will be large, and of good quality. The crop of tick will be large, and of good quality. The crop of mite will be large, and of good quality. The crop of spider will be large, and of good quality. The crop of scorpion will be large, and of good quality. The crop of centipede will be large, and of good quality. The crop of millipede will be large, and of good quality. The crop of worm will be large, and of good quality. The crop of insect will be large, and of good quality. The crop of bug will be large, and of good quality. The crop of fly will be large, and of good quality. The crop of mosquito will be large, and of good quality. The crop of flea will be large, and of good quality. The crop of louse will be large, and of good quality. The crop of tick will be large, and of good quality. The crop of mite will be large, and of good quality. The crop of spider will be large, and of good quality. The crop of scorpion will be large, and of good quality. The crop of centipede will be large, and of good quality. The crop of millipede will be large, and of good quality.

The Case of Paymaster Paulding—Probable Rupture between the President and Secretary of War.

The Washington special of the New York *Herald* says on the 9th:

Matters between the Secretary of War and the President, growing out of the Paulding case, border on a rupture. It seems that the sentence of the Court imposed a fine of five thousand dollars upon the delinquent paymaster, dismissed him from the service, and ordered him into close confinement for one year. The Secretary reviewed and approved the proceedings, finding, and sentence, and ordered that Paulding be confined in Fort McHenry. The friends of the prisoner at once set to work to mitigate what to them seemed an unduly hard case, they contending that he was merely guilty of a technical violation of orders, though still abiding by the spirit of the existing regulations. An appeal was made to Mr. Stanton on Saturday who took the interference in high dudgeon, exclaiming—"What! hasn't the prisoner yet been sent away!" and immediately wrote an order directing that he be sent to Fort McHenry by the 4 o'clock train that day. His friends redoubled their efforts on this outburst, and reinforced by the two Senators from New York and other influential men, waited upon the President. The result of the interview was a showing made was an order from the President to the Secretary of War directing a stay of proceedings until the Bureau of Military Justice could review the case and report to him.

The order was sent to the Secretary at two P. M., but that officer found it convenient to be absent during the afternoon, and it was not until after 5 o'clock that the order was delivered. Stripping the President of his constitutional power to thwart their plans during recess.—*Wash. Cor. N. Y. Herald.*

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
Monday Evening, July 16, 1866.

COTTON—The market opened a little dull at about previous rates, but at an early hour the discounts of the Nova Scotian which were subsequently published in the evening papers, becoming generally known, gave a firmer tone forward with increased spirit, and, although they were met by higher pretensions on the part of factors, took 500 bales at an advance varying on irregular adds of 1 to 2c per pound. Right brokers participated in the business. With the remark that even pinning lots of strict Good Ordinary and under have been offered at 32c per pound, and commanded 1c more than our outside figures, we now advance our quotations as follows: Ordinary 25 to 27c, Good Ordinary 28 to 29c, Low Middling 30 to 31c, and Middling 35 to 36c. The business, no doubt, would have been much larger, had factors not the demand more freely.

The statement by cotton:

Stock on hand September 1st, 1865	641
Received since that date	740,000—740,000
Total	1,381,000
Shipped to-day	2,000
Shipped previously	776,687—778,687
Stock on hand	602,360

SUGAR AND MOLASSES.—The receipts of Saturday are confined to 22 hhds Sugar from the coast—no Molasses. The supplies of the production of Louisiana are very small, but not quite so large as an increase of spring wheat, will give about the same result—half as average crop. Illinois, now our greatest wheat growing State, promises seven-tenths of a crop of winter wheat. As the spring wheat, which is the main dependence for a crop in portions of the State, is nearly as good as usual, at least three-fourths of a crop of that should be expected in this State.

In Wisconsin the winter wheat is reported at six and one third tenths with one and three-fourths more spring wheat than usual, which should secure three-fourths of an average crop for the State.

In Iowa, the appearance of winter wheat is nine-tenths, spring ten and three-fourths tenths, breath of the latter now twelve and one eighth tenths. This should give at least an average crop for Iowa.

In Pennsylvania the wheat crop is eight-tenths.

In New York winter wheat eight and four-tenths tenths, spring wheat nine and three-tenths tenths, or about eight-tenths for the crop as a whole.

In Missouri a prospect for a full crop of winter wheat, about 10 bushels by acre, and spring wheat 12 per cent. more than the usual breadth of spring wheat, looking nearly as well as usual at this season of the year. Kentucky is reported at 9 tenths, but this is a little too high. Michigan seven and a half of a tenth; Minnesota ten and five-ninths of a tenth for winter wheat, and nine-tenths for spring wheat. The following is a reference to the following remarks for full particulars of the market:

FLOUR—Was more in demand to-day, and 1100 bbls were sold to the trade at previous prices, comprising 210 good extra and 200 good and choice extra on private terms, 90 low extra at $11, 200 fair extra at $11 15, 100 good do at $13, 100 do at $13 12½, 100 do at $13 25 and 50 choice extra at $14 25 per bbl. Superfine is retailing at $9 25 per bbl. There were also bids for sales of 4000 bbls to the Government, which are accepted subject to inspection. The bids accepted are 1000 bbls good extra at $11 30, 1000 bbls at $11 50, 1000 do at $11 62½ and 1000 do at $11 75 per bbl.

CORN—Light supplies and a good demand have caused an advance of 3 to 5c per bushel. About 5000 sacks were sold to-day, of which 500 yellow and 500 mixed at 90c; 600, 1000 and 2300 white at $1 05 per bushel.

OATS—The market is quiet and unchanged; only 100 and 300 sacks were sold to-day at 92c per bushel.

BRAN—Appears to be more in demand to-day, and there were sales of 1000 sacks at $1 10 and 500 at $1 12½ per 100 pounds.

HAY—We note a well supplied but dull market. There were no sales to-day. Ohio river is quoted at $18 to $19 per ton.

STAR CANDLES.—A lot of 500 boxes Schaffrin Star, 12 to the pound, sold at 36c per pound. Small sales are making to the trade at 38c. for 12 os.; 21c. for 13 os.; 21½c. for 14 os., and 25c. for full weight.

PORK—The market is well supplied and is dull. There is no demand for round lots. A fair retail business is doing, however, at $35 25 to $35 50 per bbl. for Mess.

BACON—Sugar-cured Hams are in fair supply. There are not many Sides in the market—Shoulders are scarce. There is no demand at wholesale, but a fair business is doing at retail at higher prices for Sides and Shoulders. Sugar cured Hams 18c., Ribbed Sides 21c., Clear Ribbed Sides 22c., Clear Sides 23c. per pound. Canvassed Hams sold to-day at 26c per pound. 25 cases Shoulders sold on the spot at 17½c. and 10 casks at 17¾c. per pound.

LARD—Is in good supply, but there is only a retail business doing at 23¼c per lb for Prime in tierces and 25c in kegs.

BALE ROPE—Round lots may be quoted at 12½ per lb. There is a little demand for the country, which dealers are supplying at 18½c per lb.

WHISKY—We are informed that choice and desirable brands of Western Rectified are selling at $2 22½ per gallon and retailing at $2 35, while common brands are retailing at $1 85 to $2 per gallon.

INDIA BAGGING.—The stock is small and the demand is increasing. Dealers are now realising 31½c per yard in rolls, an advance of ½c, and 33c in bales.

GUNNY BAGS.—There are not many in the market they are selling in a small way at 27c apiece.

SALT—Liverpool Coarse is selling in lots of about 100 sacks, from warehouse, at $1 75. There is little or