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NEW ORLEANS:
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On our second page will be found sheriff's and auction sales, bank notices and various miscellaneous advertisements.

BY TELEGRAPH

One Day Later from the North.

The Yearly Aurora at Morganza with New Arms and Cairo Dates of the 1st.

GOLD ON THE 1st IN NEW York 200 3-4—COTTON 84.

GEN. GRANT'S ARMY UNDER MARCHING ORDERS AND A HEAVY ENGAGEMENT IMMINENT.

Sherman's Movements—The Situation in North Carolina—Hoods followed by Terry to Goldsboro.

Later from Europe—Sensation Caused by the Peace News—Cotton Advancing—Shipping Burnt by the Shenandoah—The London Times on the "Starving Mystery" connected with the Peace Question and the Western Cotton in France.

A RAID TO SMITH'S ISLAND.

Singular Gold Robbery in New York

To the New Orleans Bee.

MORGANZA, 6:30 P. M., March 6th.

The steamer Henry Ames passed down with New York dates of 1st and Cairo of 2d. Gold closed in New York the 1st at 200¾. Cotton 84.

Cairo, March 1st.—The following dispatches in addition to those sent by the Swan came through last night.

New York, Feb 28.—The *Commercial's* correspondent dated Hatch's Run 25th, says we are now under marching orders having received instructions to move at a moment's warning. We expect to have another fight for the bottle sale E. K. and look for it heavy engagement. That something is going on along the lines in front of us is very evident. I do not believe, however, that Lee is going to retreat though desertions now coming in in greater numbers than ever, report that he is preparing to fall back to overwhelm Gen. Sherman without having Grant thundering close on his rear in less than six hours.

New York, Feb. 28.—Though the rebel papers are silent regarding Sherman's whereabouts still enough is dropped to indicate that he was some days since within short marching distance of Fayette, which is on Cape Fear River, 95 miles each way of Wilmington. Water communication is interrupted between the two places as all caution. Our latest advices from Potter stated that he was pushing over the river as rapidly as possible with his gunboats. It is probable that the junction of Schofield's forces with Sherman may take place at Fayetteville, one of the largest arsenals in the Confederacy is established there. Bragg has taken his Wilmington forces up to Goldsboro' followed by Terry. We have nothing from the force reported by the enemy as marching from New-bern through the last time the troops brought east by Gen. Meagher were some three days landed at Newbern indicates a movement sooner or later from that point.

New York, February 28.—The steamer New York, from Southampton 15th has arrived. The peace news caused a great sensation in Liverpool. The Duke of Northumberland, on the 11th, "the Shenandoah," burnt the following shipping off Cape Good Hope: Barks Edward Everett, N. D Godfrey, Big Sioux, Schooners Lizzy M. Stacy and Charles Hoyt.

The London Times says we are rescued from New York that Davis has the game in his own hands and can accomplish independence of the South, either with Northern assent or without it according to his pleasure. The clue to this startling mystery is found in the statement formerly credited in America, that the late ex-Emperor has conveyed to Count de Napoleon, the Northern portion of Mexico, to be held and administered by a Prince Vicar in liquidation of French claims on Mexico. The corruption must entail the recognition of the South, by France, England and Europe.

Carolina Tim Scott was re-elected to-day.

Washington, Evening 28—Shipyard night a party of rebels, attempting to sail 150 feet the Yocassee river in a skiff and small boat and on a raid to Smith's Island with the purpose of destroying the light house. The guard at Yorktown and several others of our boats were informed of these movements and at once started in pursuit of them.

New York, February 28—A young man took three bags of gold to the Bank of Commerce this P. M., and placing them on the counter, one was seized by a man who ran into the street. He was captured and caught, and the money recovered. On entering to the Bank one of the two bags was missing, taken undoubtedly by an accomplice. The lost bag contained but one thousand dollars.

The *Commercial's* special says a Committee of Referees agreed to make the President's Relief Bureau a branch of the War Department.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the N. O. Bee.]

South West Pass,
7 P. M., March 6

The steamer Morning Star, New York 28, crossed the bar at 5 P. M. She brings the following passengers:

Fletcher Harper, J. W. Harper, Mrs C. Saunders Hughes, Miss Hatchet and child, Mrs Alexander Jones, Mrs Hughes, E. Rose and child, Mrs Dr. Hall, Mrs Dr. Fisher, Miss Clara Maney and Child, Capt. Pope and wife, Rev Dr Hickox, Rev. H. H. Hall, J. F. Shroeder, H. Spring, Chas E. Francis, J. A. Thos Hutchings, J. J. Harland, A. Hutchinson, Mrs. Hutchinson, Miss H. Hall, Miss A. Hall, A. Hall-mudson, Geo. Mayer, Chas. Bloom, Capt. R. H. Mason, Rose Haynes, Capt. S. Bloomfield, J. O. Hamblin, Wm. Howell, A. Hamilton, Mrs. Capt. R. H. Mason and child, Miss Sarah Bassett, S. Bassett, A. W. Peters, A. Daly and wife and 3 children, A. H. Whitehill, Mrs. R. Stewart, Mrs. Schofield, Miss Hastings, Rachel Hastings, Mrs. Capt. Hastings and child, Mrs. R. Russell, Mrs. Wm. Hall and child, Miss F. Mann, M. A. Allmaugh, G. Whitsell, W. J. Reid, Jas Kellett, Hosea Rogers and family, H. N. Hammatt, Mr. White and Miss Mason, John Reeves, W. W. Benjamin, C. Wright and Postmaster, lady and 3 sons, G. W. Dunbar, Thos Wells, F. Bassford, H. Pet Smith, H. Crawford, Thos Pollock, Dr. Field, Capt. Gunn, Col. Hamilton Jet, F. C. Bunce, J. C. White, John Arnold, J. Bell, J. Geo Seymour, W. H. Sutton, A. Fernandez, C. F. Gleyn, D. J. Bunce, H. Flower, H. Rooth, C. Bailey, A. Sinclair and 800 troops, Mrs. Gen. Meade, Miss Meade, Miss Hunter, Mrs. J. Burgwald, E. Patterson, H. Attwood, Anonymous, F. F. Bramley, J. Randolph, John Ryan, A. M. Cole, John Miller.

EXAMINATION OF THE St. VINCENT'S ACADEMY.—An examination of the pupils of this well known and approved institution, under the direction of the Brothers of the Christian schools, will take place in Jefferson City at the City Hall, on the 14th, 15th and 16th inst., commencing at 7 P. M. each day. The programme includes a number of entertaining exercises and regular orchestral music.

A MASQUERADE AND FANCY DRESS BALL.—We acknowledge the honor of an invitation from the "Ancient and Honorable Order of Sandy Gosers" to attend the 3rd annual "Masquerade and Fancy Dress Ball" to be given at their Lodge in Baton Rouge on Thursday evening, March 16th, 1865. The Sandy Gosers, among whom, as far as intimately revealed by the Managerial list, we recognize some most capable "fellers," will accept assurance of our sublime consideration along with a lively desire to respond to the distinguished courtesy.

ASSASSINATION AND EXCITEMENT.

EVERETT'S PARLOR.—Hilarious Entertainments at the Cardinal.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.—The Police Spy, Mr. Kelly Astonishes.—How to Avoid the Draft.—Laughable Farce.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—The Variety Performance—Dramatic, Musical, Ballet, Ballads, Gymnastics, Pantomime.—New Stars.—The great Wilde Sentence, Lion Wrestling.

Additional via the River from the Papers of the J. C. Swon.

Arming the Slaves—Important Letter from General Lee—Comments of the Richmond Papers.

Washington, February 25—The Richmond *Sentinel* of Thursday, the 23d, says: "The following letter from the Commander-in-chief is published because the importance and urgency of the questions at issue overrule all the considerations which might prompt a less public use of it. With the great mass of our people, nothing more than this letter is needed to settle every doubt. The few who may insist on opposing the opinion, whether as to the military necessity or military expediency of what Gen Lee says, will favor not only the importation of preemption, but a responsibility to the country which no man could support. The opinion of General Lee may be repudiated or it may be adopted. It is too clear and unequivocal to be compromised or evaded."

GENERAL LEE'S LETTER.

"*Headquarters Confederate State Army,*
Richmond, Va., February 18, 1865.

"Honorable R. Ruffin, Speaker of Representatives, Richmond.

"SIR—I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th inst. with reference to the employment of negroes as soldiers. I think the measure not only expedient, but necessary. The enemy will evidently arm them against us if he gets possession of them. As his present superiority especially will enable him to penetrate many parts of the country, I can't see the wisdom of the policy of loaning them to await his arrival, when we may, by timely action and judicious management, be able to arrest his progress. I do not think that our white population can supply the necessities of a long war without overtaxing its capacity, and imposing great suffering on our people, and I believe we should provide for a protracted struggle; not merely for a battle or a campaign.

"In answer to your second question, I can only say, that, in my opinion, the negro, under proper circumstances, will make efficient soldiers. I think we could do at least as well with them as the enemy, who attaches great importance to their assistance. Under good officers and good instructors, I do not see why negroes should not become good troops. They possess all the physical qualities, and their habits of obedience constitute good foundation for discipline. They furnish more promising material than many armies of which we read in history, which owe their efficiency to discipline alone. I think those who are employed should be freed. It would be neither just nor wise, in my opinion, to require them to remain as slaves.

"The course to pursue, it seems to me, would be to call for such as are willing to come, with the consent of their owners, and the assurance of freedom would not be likely to bring out the best class, and this course would make the war more distasteful to them and their owners.

"I have no doubt that if Congress would encourage their reception into the service, and empower the President to call upon individuals or States for such as are willing to contribute, with the condition of emancipation to all enrolled, a sufficient number would be forthcoming to enable us to try the experiment. If it should prove successful, most of the objections to the measure would disappear, and it materially will remained unwilling to send their negroes to the army, the force will be taken from the South by the best method of withdrawing them. It would remove all objections.

"I think the matter should be left, as far as possible, to the people and to the States, which alone can legislate as the necessities of the particular service may require.

"As to the mode of organizing them, it should be left as free from restraint as possible. Experience will suggest the best course. It would be inexpedient to transmit the subject with the various that might, to the end, prevent the adoption of reforms suggested by actual trial.

"With great respect,
Your obedient servant,
[Signed] "R. E. Lee, General."

The Richmond *Enquirer* of the 24th has an article urging the arming of negroes. It declares the war was begun by the Gulf States in opposition to the wishes of the border States—The Gulf States rejected the advice, and invaded Virginia and other border States to humble the pride of the very they never desired.

After mentioning the ruin and devastation of the border States, it says:

"The tide is now rolling toward these States who made the fight. Who affirmed success of universal secession, and who scouted and scorned overtures to peace? Who gave the first blow against us? Is the guilty head broken, and driven by whom the first blow was struck are first to desert those whose help it was time for restored the fury of the storm raised by others. On Monday the compact of mutual support was broken. The fall to appropriate measures to secure an honorable existence, was declared in the Senate, chiefly by the votes of the Gulf States, who had previously contributed their quota to the common defense. The Senate never can be given or too many prefix. They who watch the footsteps of the State forlorn of succor, and deserted relief. The story demands that its depraved makers shall be strengthened by surrender of whatever color, and it seems impolitic to refuse the demand of an army less than ten thousand. The border States have themselves here no fate presently to save the State, that is to guard, even though their lives—for the chivalry in the South, as the war has affected them, are the jewels. Perhaps it would be well for the Gulf States to reconsider their vote.

"Virginia, Tennessee, Maryland and Kentucky will yet see that their people be not drawn in under that the inconveniences of war may not be felt on the Cis galore and Tombigbee."

The *Sentinel*, on the negro question, says the bill was lost in the Senate by a vote of eleven to sixteen. Those who voted for the bill's indefinite postponement of the bill, which amounts to the defeat, were Davis, Barksdale, Carpenter, Harris, Lloyd, Gaulden, Maxey, Johnson of Georgia, Johnson of Missouri, Maxwell, Orr and Wright.

Those who voted in the affirmative were Brown, Hunnell, Hogan, Henry, Oldham, Semmes, West, Walker and Watson.

In official circles this is considered as disposing of the question of putting negro soldiers into our armies finally.

The *Sentinel* urges the Senate to re-consider its action, and pass the bill for arming the negro corps, as a means of saving the country. It says:

"The Confederate States by one, and by many ayes, unanimously assumes the responsibility of killing and disappointing the verdict of all the best of the citizens on the side of prohibiting to the people and army on and which the highest professional and most universal popular opinions pronounces to be of extreme consequence. Senators decide this, however, important their constituents, and their Generals, and soldiers may desire this measure, I shall not be convinced. This aid, which alone we can rely on to save to have, they say, should not have resolved on our ruin. All all the Senate doctrine, and by one majority.

[From the Richmond Examiner, Feb. 24.]

We place the fortunes of the Confederacy in Gen Lee's hands, and we heard its hopes its dependence upon his wellskilled General-ship and experience. Whatever he asks for, these should be promptly placed at his disposal, without idle speeches or arguments as to the manner of coming by, or to delay while a few captious men were dispensing and tape, and the precedents might destroy his best-laid plans, and prove guiltless in the end. General Lee asks for negroes, and between they can be made into soldiers, is not a question to be talked. The gentleman slaves of Johnston and Mississippi now Gil Grant's ranks.

Thirty days have been found to decapitate entrapolis, even to our veteran troops. The Confederate Senate still withholds the negroes, and from General Lee. That body actually jeopardizes the safety of the city, the hopes of our cause, and the liberty of the people. Senators who are deaf to the call of Lee, Beauregard, Hood, Longstreet, Ewell, Hill, Early and Breckinridge, are rapidly hurrying this people to the crisis of their fate. Men are needed to save the cause. Withhold now, and all are lost, and yet the Senate deliberates. That is all it does—deliberates. Events are rapidly hurrying this people to the crisis of their fate. Men are needed to save the cause. Withhold now, and all are lost, and yet the Senate deliberates. That is all it does—deliberates.

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The steamer New War Eagle, Lyon and Commonwealth were advertised to leave St Louis for New Orleans on the 28th ult., and the W. R. Carter was to leave on the 1st inst.

Western Markets.

Cincinnati, February 27—P. M.—Flour unchanged and quiet; not much doing.

Corn unchanged and quiet, decided $1 car 95c.

Oats 80@ 81c, and dull.

Rye $1 25.

Whisky declined to $2 16, but there seems a better demand at the decline.

No feature in the market for provisions, sales 100,000 lbs bulk meats, at 15¾ a 15¾c for shoulders, and 17¾c for sides.

Lard held firmly at 22½, but no sales.

Groceries unchanged and quiet.

St Louis, February 27—P. M.—Tobacco—The market was somewhat easier for low grades, but steady for good leaf. Sales comprised 8 hhds green and damaged logs at from $5 to $7 50; 16 hhds factory at from $7 to $8 50; 5 hhds planters' do at from $7 to $12; 8 hhds common shipping leaf at from $14 to $16 75; 4 hhds medium do at from $18 75 to $22 50; 2 hhds good and fine do at from $22 to $25 50; 1 hhd colory to medium at $26 50; 1 hhd fine at $28 50; and 13 boxes at from $4 20 to $24 @ 100 lbs.

Provisions—Business generally very small and the only business reported was of 20 bbls mess Pork at $36; 5 single city round hams at 23½c, and 5 casks do shoulders at 15½c @ lb.

Lard—The market is very quiet, and the only transactions heard of were 20 kegs choice at 21½ @ lb, and 600 do do at 21½c, exclusively of packages. At the close the prices offered was 20½.

Flour—There was very little demand, and the market declined 5@10c. The only lot changing hands that we could hear of were 150 bbls XXX Spring at $11 25, and 500 bbls double extra, all on private terms.

Corn—The market was heavy and prices in favor of buyers, with sales of 550 bbls mixed, in lots, at $1 05; 235 do do at $1 06; 900 do white at $1 08, and 61 do do at $1 10 @ bushel.

Oats—There was a decided break down in the market, with sales of 300 sks in new-sacks at 82c, 315 do at 84c; 570 do at 86c, 500 in arrive at —, and 130 sks, exception of sacks, at 80c @ bushel.

St. Louis Live Stock Market, Feb. 27.

Monday, Evening, February 27.—Cattle—The prospects at the Broadway yards regards the market as active for choice stock, but dull and low for all classes below medium qualities. The supply has been equal to the demand, except for good shipping qualities, which are in good demand. Prices remained about the same as Saturday's, with possibly a shade lower. No transactions to speak of.

Sheep—The market is steady and good for choice sheep, but dull for anything below prime. Sales were made of 73 head weighing 8215 lbs at 5½c @ lb; 75 head, weighing 7,830 lbs at 5½c @ lb; 73 head, weighing 6,520 lbs at 5½c.

Hogs—Demand moderate, with sales of 9 head, weighing 10,525 lbs at 8¾c @ lb.

Receipts for New Orleans—Flour 30 bbls; pork 42 bbls; ordinary 5 hhds; sugar 5 hhds; cattle 52; hogs, dressed, 70 west of Pekin; below Memphis $1 per 100 lbs.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

United States District Court—Judge E. H. Durell.—The Hon. E. Hebert was appointed to act as United States Marshal for the Eastern District of Louisiana, until otherwise directed by the President of the United States.

H. Q. A. Fellows in the Intervention of Mrs. Drew in the case of the United States vs. the property of H. M. Hyatt, appeared for the intervenor who claims $14,000, due her from the confiscated estate. This claim was not received by mortgage or lien in the ordinary course of the term.

Counsel for claimant held, that all creditors in cases like the one at issue had a lien on the property in question, that of the captor, who held no claim until delits of owner (which is considered dead in law) are paid.

In the case of the intervention of the Citizens' Bank in the case of Hyams, a series of interrogatories had been propounded to the President and Directors of the Bank and several of them not satisfactorily answered. On motion of the United States District Attorney the interrogations were taken as confessed.

Inquest—Wm. Garvin, 19 years of age, drowned on board the steamer Post Boy, cause to the jury. Death occurred accidentally by the explosion of a boiler on board the above steamer. The catastrophe occurred 25 miles above the city when the steamer was landing to take in wood. The body of deceased was brought to the city. The Coroner's inquest was held and a verdict rendered in accordance with the above.

First District Court—Judge Hyamond.—This Court was yesterday occupied with examining the jury.

Police Court—Recorder Vezinaid sent Mrs. Connes before the First District Court for trial to answer the charge of having stolen crockery to the value of $50 from the store of the owners of Calhoun and Dryden street, Bell Ville.

Charles, colored, was sent up on the charge of having stolen a watch from the Mississippi Central. The case was sent before the First District Court. Bail $200.

H. Meldon was arrested for carrying and offering for sale concealed weapons, to revolvers, also. The case was continued till March 10th. Bail $100.

Joel, Gleadhill, Jno Carroy and Chs. Thompson, negro vagrants, were sent down for sixty days. One negro was discharged, and three dismissed. Of such charges as drunkenness, riot, were disposed of with fines of $5, thirty days work-house or approximate sentence.

Criminal Court—Judge N. Lathe.—The cases of A. Leonard, Jos. Plain's, Mrs Shell and Jno O Neil were continued.

Louisa Dent, Irma Williams and Ella McKenzie, charged with having secreted soldiers, were discharged.

Almost Burned Alive—At No. 61 John street resides Mrs. Fox, who particularly is addicted to intoxication. On Sunday she was again dead drunk, and whom in that state, her dress caught fire from the fireplace at half past seven o'clock, P. M. The prompt assistance of neighbors saved the life of the woman and the building from destruction. The wrapped woman was taken in charge by the police and sent to the Charity Hospital for medical attendance by Sergeant O'Connor.

Another Burning Case—Mary Lloyd, about fifty years of age, fell from a gallery in a two-story house on St Mary street, severely injuring herself. Officer Meehan sent her to the Hospital on Sunday morning.

The Legislature.

MONDAY, March 6 1865

Senate—Mr. Gautier, President *pro tem*, called the Senate to order pursuant to adjournment.

Prayer by the Rev D. Newman

The Journal was read and approved.

No reports were offered by Standing Committees.

Mr. Minhmat arose and that the Senate go into election of a permanent President of the Senate, who shall act ex-officio as Lieutenant Governor, as Lieutenant Governor Well, agreeable to the provisions of the laws of the State assumed the functions of Governor.

The motion prevailed.

Messrs Gautier and Hoyes were nominated and Mr. Gautier was elected, with a vote of 27 to 3. On motion of Mr. Hills then, Mr. Gautier was unanimously declared elected.

Messrs Hills and Hoyes then, on motion of Mr. Sauvage, were appointed to escort Mr Gautier to the chair.

Mr. Lawton then at the election for President *pro tem*, received 19 votes and Mr. Hall 5 votes. On motion of Mr. Hall Mr. Lawton was then declared unanimously elected.

Mr. Hall gave notice that he would introduce an act to divide the State into five Congressional Districts.

On motion of Mr. Hill then a resolution was adopted for the holding of Evening Sessions to dispatch business.

Bills from the House.—The bill relative to Justices of the Peace for the Parish of Jefferson was taken up first time and laid over under the rules; also the bill relative to the Levees of the State proceeds at Baton Rouge. The bill relative to State Tax Collectors was read, ordered to be printed and made the order of the day for Wednesday next.

A bill to authorize the issue of State notes in the shape of warrants on the Treasury and receivable in payment of State and Municipal taxes came up for the consideration of the report. On motion of Mr. Hills, the minority report, which offered a resolution against the bill was rejected. The bill was then laid over for a future day.

The Senate then adjourned till this evening at 7 P. M.

FROM OUR YESTERDAY EVENING EDITION.

Varieties Theatre.—Lawrence Barrett.—The reception of Mr. Lawrence Barrett at this theatre on last Friday night—his first appearance in his present engagement, and only a few hours after his arrival from New York—was like the impromptu greeting of an old friend. The applause was naturally warm and exuberant, and without critical reservation, and as previously of such electrifying predilection an actor would LAWRENCE to strike himself responsive in no ordinary degree to have given displeasure.

But if, on that occasion, he was met with a friendly welcome, on his second appearance Saturday night, he was the object of a deliberate and in some sense organized ovation, the most brilliant and significant which has been accorded to any young actor, perhaps, in the theatrical annals of our city.

We do not propose here to analyze Mr. Barrett's personation of Richard the Third on Saturday night. We will merely observe that it did not startle by any overbold departures from accepted traditions, nor yet display that subtlety and originality which lends only to impress itself upon the mind. It was a conception which, in the opinion of many Players, are hard and unsympathetic, is particularly Re-regulation will be subject to amendment and change, and Planters generally interested should understand that the Government of the United States have no other desire than to consolidate, so far as practicable, the development of the industrial resources of the country, and the security and advancement of the Freedmen of the States.

Subject to labor, and to such regulations as may be adopted by the proper Bureau, after full examination into their adaptation to the purposes of justice, and full consideration of their effect to encourage industry and provide for the support of persons unable to labor.

Where the assistance is readily given to aged citizens who thus cooperate, the amount necessary for the proportion to equality true, and equitable with regard to large and small farms, will be referred to the Bureau, which will also have the supervision of the allotments, and will establish such regulations as may be necessary to secure to the laborers on the same the benefit of their own labor.

Whilst