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NEW ORLEANS:
WEDNESDAY MORNING, JUNE 3, 1863.

Sales for Auction To-Day.

By D. E. Morphy, at 11½ o'clock, at No 81 Poydras street, flour; at 12 o'clock P. M., in the St. Louis Warehouse, flour; at 5 o'clock P. M., on the Levee, Second District, opposite the Meat Market, white wine.

By R. T. Montgomery, at 10 o'clock, A. M., at No. 67 Tchoupitoulas street, flour, old Bourbon whisky; also hams, pork, beef, lard, &c.

By Phinney & Amory, at 11 o'clock, at the corner of Camp and Common streets, the steamer Morning Light, together with all her machinery, tackle, furniture, &c., as she now lies in the river opposite Plaquemine, a portion of her furniture can be seen at Phinney & Amory's warehouse, 55 Common street and at the Merchants Press; also the schooner Washington as she now lies on the ways at Bayou St. John, near the bridge. The terms are cash in United States Treasury notes.

Messrs. Phinney & Amory sell this morning, at 11½ o'clock, on the Levee, by order of the United States Sequestration Commission, 178 barrels and 23 half barrels molasses, and two barrels soft sugar. The terms are cash in Treasury notes.

There will be a large and important sale this day (Wednesday) the 3d instant, at 10 o'clock, at No. 67 Tchoupitoulas street by R T. Montgomery. In the large list of goods offered is comprised hams, pork, beef, flour, a great variety of fish, candles, soap, lard, fine old white wines, and a large lot of fancy groceries. Most of the above goods are fresh arrival per steam ship in splendid merchantable order and of excellent quality. Dealers in the above articles should examine attentively the advertisements in the column of auction sales.

Importers and dealers in claret and white wine will find it to their interest to attend the sale advertised by D. E. Morphy, auctioneer, for this afternoon, at 5 o'clock on the Levee, Second District, opposite the Meat Market.

FLOUR.—Mr. Jerome B. Van Horn advertises a large quantity of excellent flour for sale.

Southern News.

[FROM MOBILE PAPERS OF 30TH MAY.]

The Federals Shelling Vicksburg—Blockade Arrivals—Virginia State Election—Mr. Vallandigham Going to Virginia—Letter from the North—Advices to the 26th ult.—Seige of Vicksburg—Operations on the Yazoo —Admiral Porter's Official Dispatch—Capture of Richmond, Mo.—Movements near Murfreesboro'—Rumored Cabinet Changes—Letters from Jackson and Chattanooga.

We gather the following intelligence from a copy of the Mobile *Advertiser and Register*, of May 30, received at this office:

THE ENEMY SHELLING VICKSBURG.

Jackson, May 29.—The enemy are busily engaged shelling Vicksburg.

CAVALRY SKIRMISH.

Wirt Adams had another skirmish near Mechanicsburg, yesterday, in which he drove back the enemy, who left some dead on the field. Our loss none.

BLOCKADE ARRIVAL.

Wilmington, May 29.—The steamer Banshee arrived yesterday from Nassau. She reports the steamer Pet (hence on the —,) at Nassau on the 23d.

VIRGINIA STATE ELECTION.

Richmond, May 29.—At the State election to-day Wickham was elected over Lyons in the Congressional District.

Wm C. Rives was elected without opposition in the Albemarle district.

MR. VALLANDIGHAM.

Shelbyville, May 28.—Mr. Vallandigham has been received within our lines, and is now at a private house in this city. He intends going to Virginia in a day or two, but is yet undecided as to what point. His health is excellent and his spirits are not depressed.

Later from the North—The Siege of Vicksburg.

Richmond, May 28.—The Baltimore *American*, of the evening of the 26th, publishes an official dispatch, dated Vicksburg, May 22, 8 P. M., as follows:

An ordnance officer writes our loss is not very heavy for the position we have gained. The rebels make a firm resistance. We took one hill, have the place to-morrow. We have completely encircled the town and works and are lying on the exterior slope.

The gun and mortar boats are in front of Vicksburg, working away. Our captures this far amount to 6000 prisoners and 74 pieces of artillery. Grant is in good spirits. If we take Vicksburg we shall secure 18,000 prisoners, with Pemberton & Co.

(Signed) S. C. LYFORD.
(Approved) G. G. FRENCH.

OPERATIONS ON THE YAZOO.

Richmond, May 28.—The New York *Herald* of the 26th publishes Porter's official dispatch to the Secretary of the Navy, giving the particulars of his having captured Hayne's Bluff on the 18th, with guns, tents, equipages of all kinds, and ammunition enough to last a long siege. As the gunboat carriages fell again fall into the hands of the enemy, he had them burnt, blew up the magazine and destroyed the works generally. Lieut. Walker was sent up the Yazoo with a sufficient force to destroy all the enemy's works in that direction, including the navy yard at Yazoo City.

On the 19th he placed six mortar boats in position, with orders to fire on Vicksburg night and day, as rapidly as they could.

The anticipated fall of Vicksburg led to a decline of gold and exchange, which reacted upon produce and stocks. Gold closed at 112½.

CAPTURE OF RICHMOND, MO.

A St. Louis telegram of May 25 says: A band of rebel guerrillas captured the town of Richmond on the 21st, with the Federal garrison of sixty-nine plunder. They also plundered Platteburg, and took eleven thousand dollars belonging to the State.

FROM MURFREESBORO'.

A Murfreesboro dispatch of the 27th says that large bodies of Confederate cavalry are going southward.

Breckenridge's corps has fallen back from its advanced position.

CABINET CHANGES.

The *Herald* says there is considerable talk about changes in the Cabinet. Butler is mentioned as Stanton's successor.

LETTER FROM JACKSON.

Jackson, May 28, 1863.—General Johnston, Humphrey Marshall and Gov. Pettus arrived here yesterday. Of Johnston's movements but little is known. He is constantly on the move, and turns up almost anywhere and any time. Great activity prevails.

Slowly we receive scattering particulars of affairs at Vicksburg, and I rejoice to say that they are not so bad as at first represented. On Monday the Federals commenced feeling the weakest and most vulnerable point of the Vicksburg works—the approach by the Jackson road—and on Tuesday morning, at 10 o'clock, advanced to the assault. They advanced their flags close to the works, their negro troops in front, and lay down. Bowen's gallant Missourians never fired a shot. The other regiments then marched up, and the whole assaulting column, forlorn hope and all, reached within easy musket range.

At the word "forward—charge," they received our fire, shattering and decimating their ranks frightfully. They rallied, closed up and stood to it for thirty minutes, when they broke and fled. They were rallied to the charge four successive times and met with the same storm of iron hail and leaden rain. The whole field was literally covered for one mile with their dead and wounded, where they were still lying on Thursday night unburied and without any attention.

Since yesterday, from all I can learn, the enemy has contented himself with shelling, cannonading and sharpshooting, and they occasionally succeed in picking off some of our men. As the ring is at long range Pemberton does not reply.

On Tuesday morning Lieut.-Col. Brown, of the 20th Mississippi Mounted infantry, dashed into Raymond and captured the place, taking four hundred Federals, and about fifty or sixty runaway negroes. Not a gun was fired—nobody hurt. The sick and wounded were paroled; the well were brought here and sent. Among them were some half dozen captains and lieutenants. The negroes have been brought here and put to work on the fortifications.

Yesterday, in the neighborhood of Raymond, two Federals were captured with their spoils all on them, consisting of six or seven thousand dollars in gold and silver, a lot of gold and silver watches, and any quantity of ladies' jewelry. The enemy are supposed sending the forces of Gen. Curtis at Snyder's Bluff. Grant has moved his army well up north of the railroad, but few troops being below or in the vicinity of Grand Gulf, which is no longer his base of operations.

LETTER FROM CHATTANOOGA.

Chattanooga, May 26.—Rumors, well authenticated, from the front report Rosecrans moving some portion of his force in the direction of Nashville, with the purpose, it is believed, to reinforce Grant in Mississippi. The town is full of officers attached to the brigades now passing through here to Mobile and the West.

Many of them express the belief that Bragg can take Murfreesboro' with four hours fighting; and it is generally suspected that Rosecrans has greatly weakened his forces to lend succor to the army of Gen. Grant. Nashville is now very weak—the garrison consisting of but a few thousand effective men. Refugees from the capital are daily being sent through the lines, chiefly consisting of ladies and their children who have refused to take the oath.

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Southern View of the Safety of Richmond—From the Rappahannock.

[From the Baltimore Sun, May 27.]

The subjoined extracts are from the Richmond *Whig* of 18th of May:

THE SAFETY OF RICHMOND.

Having failed in all their efforts to take Richmond by huge armies and hard fighting, it would not be singular if the next attempt were made to take it by strategy. Conning is the natural and ready resource of the Yankees when other means fail. All accounts from the United States satisfy us that they really believe Richmond is undefended. They have pretty good means at any time, by the use of spies and through the information of returning prisoners, of acquainting themselves with our capacities for resistance. A portion of Stoneman's forces came very near the city, and have since declared that they could have entered it. Since then it has been reported, and extensively believed in the North, that Keyes had actually moved up from below and occupied the city.

These things are not without significance and should put us on our guard. The strong reinforcements Hooker has received—thirty-eight thousand men—may embolden him to another attempt while he may have supposed Lee's army may not have recuperated from the week's fighting about Chancellorsville. He has a very large army, so much larger than ours that he might reasonably hope to occupy the whole of Gen. Lee's attention. A considerable force, we know not how strong, has taken position at West Point. What is this force for but to cooperate with Hooker? To suppose, then, Hooker again engages Gen. Lee; that, as before, he detaches a large cavalry force to come toward Richmond, and that at the same time the army at West Point is moved in the same direction, is it safe to conclude that we are entirely prepared for such an emergency?

In war there is never any danger of being too vigilant or too strong. To possess this capital there is nothing that the enemy would not venture or sacrifice. Its loss to us would set us back immeasurably, and prolong the war indefinitely. There is no danger if we are on the alert; there is great danger if we are not. The conduct of those in authority on the approach of Stoneman's freebooters was not such as to give confidence to the people. But be their capacity and watchfulness what they may, help and reinforcements can do no harm. We take the liberty of suggesting that the powers with which the Governor of Virginia is clothed may be profitably called into use. Richmond is full of men capable of such service as would be required of them in the defense. From sixteen to sixty years of age, it is probable there are from fifteen to twenty thousand men in the city. Why should they not be organized and trained, and held ready for any exigency? From such service those but the physically incompetent would be exempt. Least of all the hordes of foreigners who prey and fatten on the community. The arms bearing population of the State within reach of raids should be organized and kept ready for action at the shortest notice. Thus, and thus only, with constant vigilance and thorough preparation, may we consider ourselves safe.

FROM THE RAPPAHANNOCK.

All quiet on the Rappahannock. We learn from Fredericksburg that the enemy, as if to guard a change of base, or apprehensive of an aggressive movement, for several days past planted a double line of pickets opposite that point, one immediately on the river bank, the other about fifty yards in the rear, on the brow of the hill. Several pieces of light artillery have been planted so as to command the two most feasible places of crossing.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Confederate Prisoners at Algiers.—A veteran friend of ours has called our attention to the fact that there is a basket full of letters and notes at the gate of the prison in Algiers, which have been written to their friends in the city and which are awaiting the kind offices of a letter addressed to him in looking over the pile, and perhaps others may be as fortunate if they will go over to Algiers and inquire.

Deaths Among the Contrabands.—The Coroner was called yesterday to hold inquests at the Cotton Press, at the corner of Gravelines and Cotton Press streets, in the Third District. Four contrabands were found dead—the large number being congregated there under the superintendence of Lieut. Hanks. The inquests were as follows: Mary, aged 30, slave of Robt. Newell, of Elm Bayou; Nemi, slave of Francis Climack, of Grand Coteau, 10 years of age; Phillis Ballgeron, aged 50 years, of Baltimore Bayou. The verdict in these three cases was, died of dysentery. The fourth case was Betsy Thornton, aged 70, slave of Mrs. Jenkins, of the parish of St. Landry: verdict, died of pneumonia.

Stolen Property.—Officer Gainesburgh, of the First District police, reported yesterday that, in searching, he found two linen shirts, marked "S. No. 1," one coat, three pairs of socks, one pillow slip, one pair drawers and two pair socks, (the three latter marked "D R") one yellow silk handkerchief, and other articles. Another officer arrested a negro named Henry Jewell, for having in his possession a stolen silver vase and a pistol.

Red Bull Riches.—A. Newhouse, constable, was arrested on Royal street yesterday, on the complaint of Wm. Hudson, (of Hudson & Co.) for carrying concealed weapons, and threatening his life.

Succession of Gen. Alexander.—Petition was filed in the Second District Court, before Judge Whitaker, in the name of Geo. Macduff Madere, praying to be appointed Curator in the matter of the succession of Gen. Alexander, who was killed by guerrillas on the Louisiana Belle, in the Parish of St. Landry, at Barry's Landry, on the 21st May last. The petition alleged the estate of the deceased to be $50,000 in gold and silver, $20,000 in U. S. Currency, and about $40,000 in notes and drafts. Cutler & Thomas presented the petition, and an order was entered, granting its prayer.

In the same court, yesterday, a judgment was given in the suit of Agnes Wolforster vs. F. R. Justus, her husband. In March, 1861, separated from bed and board, they made a settlement of their community of effects and gains. Nineteen months after she brought suit, claiming $750, for one half the support of the children. It being shown that the Sixth District Court divorced the parties, giving the children to the father, and that he had after the settlement discharged the duty to the children, judgment was given in his favor.

U. S. Provisional Court—Judge Peabody.—Tuesday.—Fifteen members of the Grand Jury being present, after answering to the call of their names in Court, proceeded to their room for business.

Four of the recently indicted for murder were arraigned on that charge, and their cases were fixed for trial as follows:

Margaret Borne—on Tuesday, the 9th inst.
Ernst Sauerschwarz—on Wednesday, the 10th inst.
August Reiter—on Thursday, the 11th inst.
George White—on Friday, the 12th inst.

In the case of Robinson, Col. Field gave notice that he would file an exception on the 11th.

After the usual preliminaries, the prisoners were remanded to await trial, on motion of R. King Cutler, the specially appointed United States Assistant Prosecuting Attorney. In this connection, we must notice the fact that Mr Cutler was yesterday appointed to the post of Assistant by the Prosecuting Attorney in chief, (Mr. Lamont) and it being approved by the Court, Mr. Cutler will now act as "faithful chief prosecutor," we feel it our duty to congratulate all interested upon this appointment. Mr Cutler is a graduate of the Law School of Louisiana, has had much success in the practice of his profession, and with his experience in our courts, will be of great service, not only to the Prosecutor-in-chief, but to the Court, and to the people.

The motion for a new trial of the case of Eames vs. White & Trafant was argued by Mr. Hunt, in opposition, and by Mr. Horner for the motion, who based his main point on the ground that Eames was not an overseer, and the judgment gave him a privilege to which he was not entitled, he not having been employed by the year, *but by the job.* Mr. Hunt contended that the evidence in the case abundantly proved, without contradiction, the fact of Eames being regarded as an overseer, and therefore he was entitled to the privilege on the crop, while Mr. Horner, with the same warmth, urged that he did not deny the amount claimed was due to the plaintiff, but he did deny the privilege, as contended for by the lessee and every lessor of Louisiana, and because it over shadowed the rights of really privileged creditors. After argument, the motion was taken under advisement.

The $5000 damages case of Montana vs. Saloy, commenced yesterday, was then resumed, and occupied the Court till its adjournment.

Provost Court—A. D'B. Hughes presiding.—(Tuesday's Evening Session.)—The examination of the charge against Gregoire Francois Henry was again taken up yesterday evening.

Lieut. Hebert, of the General's staff, Mr. Pierre Ballard, Mr. Lombard and Captain Duke were examined.

The substance of the testimony was that the accused had some $1800 worth of goods stored at Bourdell's, that he stated that he brought them in a skiff, as his wagon had broke down. That the rich quality of the goods, and the greenbacks in his pocket, and probably his excitement, and the repute for smuggling gained by sojourners of that place, drew the suspicion of the military authorities on him. The last witness knew him from one to three months, as a peddler. One of these, Captain Lake, had been employed by him with a small schooner to ply from one plantation to another for the purpose of selling goods, as long as Customhouse permits were given.

The prosecution expects to bring more evidence at the next session.

Brig.-Gen. Hascall, commanding the Department of Indiana, has been relieved of his command.

[FROM OUR EVENING EDITION OF YESTERDAY.]

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER QUINCY.—The steamer *Quincy*, Capt. G. W. Clapp, arrived this morning, reports having left New York 9th May. Experienced very heavy weather, put into Port Royal 17th May to make some repairs in copper feed pipe which gave way in consequence of the heavy weather. Left Port Royal on the morning of the 21st, at eight o'clock A. M., and experienced a very heavy gale from S. S. E. to S. W., on Wednesday, the 27th, and a very heavy sea rolling from N. N. W. The gale lasted from Thursday morning at 2 A. M. to Friday at 2 P. M., when it moderated. Was not spoken by any vessel bound to this port. The schooner William Wilson experienced a very heavy gale, and lost over twenty-four head of cattle, and was still throwing them overboard in consequence of injuries received, when we passed her. On Friday evening, at 7 P. M., picked up four men belonging to the crew of the Spanish steamer Soler, from Havana, bound to Mobile, which foundered in the same gale on Tuesday evening, the 26th of May.

Loss of the steamer Soler.

The Spanish steamer Soler, Captain Pa Pages, from Havana bound to Mobile or some other Southern port. Mr. John Nicholas, a passenger, reports, the steamer Soler left Havana on Saturday evening, 23d May, with crew and passengers, amounting in all to forty two persons, consisting of, as far as the names were known: Captain Robert L. Smith; Thomas Cook, quartermaster; Charles Christian, engineer; John Green, second engineer; John Castillo, third engineer; Juan Augustine, seaman; Barney, formerly in the employ of the Southern Steamship Company, fourth engineer; John, commonly called Pittsburg—John was chief cook; John Lewis, steward; John Smith, second mate. Chas. Gifford, quartermaster.

The Captain of the Soler had formerly been captain of the Spanish ship Diogenes. The names of the balance of the crew are not known. Two passengers, Chas. Sweeny, a resident of Kingston, Jamaica, and Col. Sharp who owned a large interest in ship and cargo. The cargo consisted in wines, brandies, cigars, sunny bags, 2000 stands of arms, 125 barrels of potash.

The gale commenced on Tuesday, the 26th of May, wind blowing heavy, from the S. E., distant about 45 miles from Mobile Point. The gale increasing, the ship began to work, and found it necessary to lighten ship. About 2 P. M. commenced to throw over cargo to lighten ship, and threw nearly all the cargo overboard. About 8 P. M steam pipe bursted, and the ship fell off in the trough of the sea and began to break up. The ship broke in two just abaft the paddle-wheels.

The boats were swamped in lowering them and all in the boats perished. Five of the persons saved on a portion of the wreck remained on the wreck from Tuesday night, 9 P. M., 26th until Friday night, 7 P. M., when we were picked up by the steamer Quincy, Captain G. W. Clapp, in lat 28 30, long. 86 39, distance from Pass a Loutre 128 miles, only four persons were living at the time, one man, a Spaniard, a deck hand, got delirious and jumped overboard, and was drowned on the morning of the 26th, about half past 3 A. M., a heavy sea rushing at the time.

The names of the four persons saved were John Nichols, Thos. Cook, James Augustine and Charles Sweeny a passenger. About three hours after we got on this portion of the wreck we saw another large piece with five persons on it, which kept in sight for about one hour, and then we lost sight of it. During the time we had nothing to eat or drink until Friday morning about 8 A. M., when we picked up a demijohn of vinegar, which we used for bathing such portions of our body which was exposed to the sun.

[Special Dispatch to the Missouri Democrat.]

Dayton, O., May 27.—C. L. Vallandigham was yesterday sentenced to Fort Jefferson Dry Tortugas, to remain till the termination of the war. He will make a demonstration to-morrow, but will probably submit to the decision of the court.

Governor Seymour telegraphed to a friend in this city this morning that, after due deliberation, he was satisfied that the people of New York do not want a railroad in Broadway, and though he did not say he would veto the bill passed by the late Legislature, the inference that he will do so is irresistible. The Governor in this is doing a thing for which every honest man will thank him. The veto will spoil a good many calculations, and impart a less picturesque hue to bank checks in certain people's pockets, but all that will be a misfortune which only rogues will feel.—*N. Y. Correspondent.*

From Washington.

CONFISCATION — ANTI-MERCURIAL — REBEL DESERTERS — TROOPS.

[From the Missouri Democrat.]

[illegible]—Confiscation of rebel property—Mourning in the District of Columbia—Gen. Grant residence now occupied by [illegible], but owned by W. W. Corcoran, the great Washington banker. Corcoran is known to have contributed funds for equipping the pirate Alabama, and to have been active in floating the rebel loan upon the European money market. The rest of his property here will be promptly seized.

A MERCURIAL HELL.

Surgeon General Hammond has thrown a perfect bombshell into the ranks of old fashioned Allopathy by issuing an order virtually forbidding the further use of calomel in the army. The following is its substance: From reports of medical inspectors and sanitary reports to the officer, it appears that the administration of calomel has so frequently been pushed to excess by military surgeons as to call for prompt steps by this officer to correct this abuse—an abuse, the melancholy effects of which, as officially reported, have exhibited themselves not only in innumerable cases of profuse salivation, but in not unfrequent occurrence of mercurial gangrene. It seeming impossible in any other manner to properly restrict the use of this powerful agent, it is directed that it be struck from the supply table, and that no further requisitions for this medicine be approved by medical directors.

And that classes of the same order likewise forbids the further supply of tartar emetic.

REBEL DEATHS IN NORTHERN HOSPITALS.

By official lists received at the Surgeon-General's office, the number of rebel prisoners who have died in Union hospitals since the commencement of the war, is shown to be over six thousand.

JUDGE BATES ON THE CONSCRIPTION LAW.

It is understood that Attorney General Bates holds that the construction of the conscription law requiring the Secretary of War from the necessity of accepting $300 in lieu of service from drafted persons is not warranted by the language of the act. Should the President refer the question to him, therefore, it is believed that the common understanding of the $300 clause will be materially altered.

THE ARMY OF THE POTOMAC.

[From the Regular Correspondent of the Evening Post.]

Washington, May 18, 1863.—There is quiet on the Rappahannock, and there is to be quiet there for two or three weeks yet, unless Hooker makes a demonstration. Here Washington or Maryland. Gen. Hooker has full command of his army still, and there is not a thought in the President's mind of removing him. His plans for the future are kept secret, and with propriety, but certain unofficial facts are sufficient evidence that Gen. Hooker has no idea of doing anything for some weeks yet. This is the very weather a fighting general would most desire for military operations. A month later the temperature is too high for northern soldiers in Virginia.

The delegation of gentlemen from the city of New York, who came here to get General Franklin put in command of the Army of the Potomac, have not succeeded. They were received with courtesy everywhere, but their request will not be granted. The President is obstinate in some things, and he will not remove Hooker till he has been tried once more, and even then there is no probability whatever that a McClellan General will be honored with the place now filled by Hooker. If any proof of that school of appointment it will be McClellan himself, and his chances of being called to the head of his old army are very slight indeed.

ANOTHER JACKSON RAID.

The Washington *Republican* of Saturday says: This afternoon a newsboy, in the absence of exciting news wherewith to stimulate purchasers, started through the streets crying out, "Another raid by Stonewall Jackson!" An excited gentleman stopped him with "I thought Jackson was dead!" "Well, so he is, but his ghost is a makin' this 'ere raid."

News from Fort Royal.

SKIRMISH ON MORRIS ISLAND.

The storeship Courier arrived here yesterday from Fort Royal. On Thursday night a slight engagement occurred between a detachment of our forces and about 100 of the enemy on Morris Island. The latter were driven back before the fight broke. One man was killed on our side. It is understood that the monitor fleet will first endeavor to destroy the outer forts along the beach before the attack of Sumter will be renewed. On the 13th inst. a flag of truce boat came out of Charleston harbor, but was refused admittance by the blockaders within their lines on the ground that similar boats had used the flag of truce as a deception to gain information. The same day a British and a French man-of-war arrived in Charleston bay.—*N. Y. World, 23d.*

THE LOAN IN EUROPE.—*Washington*, May 18.—Notwithstanding the fact that a gentleman connected with the Treasury Department sailed for Europe in the steamer of Saturday last, and that it has been accepted as evidence of the truth of a statement that he was to go out as an agent of the Government to perfect negotiations for the taking of a large European loan, the proposals for which were said to have been sent to Mr. Chase by Mr. Aspinwall, I am enabled to contradict the report. No such loan is contemplated. The gentleman who left on Saturday went out on business of a totally different character.—*Evening Post.*

THE MILITARY MISTAKE WITH SUPPOSED [illegible]

[From the New York World, May 23.]

Rumored Advance of the Rebel Army in Virginia.

A rumor prevailed yesterday that General Hooker's army was falling back from the line of the Rappahannock to that of the Potomac, the object being the better defense of Washington and Maryland. It is said that information has been received that the rebels are preparing to make a dash in force into Maryland by way of the upper Potomac, hence the reason of the said movement of our army.

Secretary Stanton has been scared so often that the report of a rebel advance on Washington is not to be credited until we are more positively assured of it than we are of this one.

[Correspondence of the Springfield Republican.]

AN ADVANCE OF THE REBELS.

The Richmond papers are clamoring for an advance of Lee's army upon Washington, or Maryland and Pennsylvania. They do not say so openly in so many words, but such is the unmistakable meaning of their leading articles, complaining that "the Yankees" are content to prosecute the war for years to come. The latest Richmond advices hint at a flank movement by the rebel army, and I hear that Gen Hooker does not contemplate an advance upon the enemy for the reason that he feels sure that if he remains in his present position the rebels will advance upon Washington, or upon Point of Rocks, and give us a much better chance to fight a battle than any we can expect to find on the south side of the Rappahannock. It is not improbable that the rebels will swing round upon Gen Gordonsville ere long, as it would give them great advantages if they contemplate an offensive movement. They could watch their opportunity and throw a column down the valley bounded on either side by the Shenandoah and Kittochton mountains to Point of Rocks, or they could advance down the Shenandoah valley upon Harper's Ferry and into western Maryland. The ridges of mountains running north and south afford good protection on either flank to an advancing column of troops. General Lee doubtless knows that for the next three or four months the army under the command of Hooker will be weaker than he can expect to find it at any time in the future. The returning time rounded into two years regiments will weaken the Army of the Potomac very much. Lee knows this, and he will be very likely to act upon it. So much for the prospects of the coming summer. The universal feeling here is that it is well for us if Lee does advance northward. Our troops fight best in self-defense, and nearly all troops do, unless they are mere machines So let the rebels come on—the faster the better for us. General Halleck is skeptical about their advancing, of course. His did not believe the rebels were about to Point of Rocks last fall for [illegible]ation it was accomplished. The newspaper correspondent would have him that Lee was not. "It is preposterous," replied Halleck. Yet, twenty four hours after, Gen Halleck was straining every nerve for the defense of Washington and Baltimore.

The Loyal Ladies' League.

A meeting of the "Loyal Ladies League of New York" was held at three P. M. yesterday, in room No. 20 Cooper Institute, right opposite the apartments of a medical practitioner who interested by his sign that he furnishes "Blood Food" and keeps an "Ovation." Shortly before the hour specified about fifty ladies, extensively crinolined, assembled in the room in question, and amid a flutter of excitement Mrs [illegible] Stanton, a venerable and remarkably respectable looking lady, who cannot secure any of the male sex with ungallantry if they should venture to say she was not young and interesting, took the chair, and with a rap of her bet called the meeting to order. One of the male sex—and only one—who belongs to the fourth estate which furnishes the "brief chronicle of the times," modestly entered the sacred boudoir to report the proceedings, but was politely refused the privilege by a lady who officiated as one of the officers of the meeting, and who was invested with a badge of authority. The individual in question was not, however, very much put out at his being denied as a suitor amongst so many of the fair sex where he was *sollus*, for what with the heat indicated by the thermometer and the additional heat of petticoats, a man could not but be pitied for his [illegible]. On such an occasion. After the fair guardians of the country had been about an hour in session the indefatigable reporter was again on hand, and was admitted this time, when he found that "crinoline was on the top." [illegible]—ly, several ladies were rising simultaneously to address the chair.

A discovery there arose in the platform of the association, which is said to be "loyalty to humanity and justice, and to the Government of the country in its war for freedom." Several of the ladies pleaded for unconditional loyalty but subsequently a majority vote declared in favor of "truth and justice."

The Chairwoman then called for an expression of opinion upon the Vallandigham case, upon which

A lady rose and said she thought the authorities ought not to stop there, and if there were any others of the same stripe of Vallandigham they ought to be treated in the same way. (Applause.)

Mrs Susan Anthony then delivered an address in favor of the freedom of speech in former times of peace, but implying that the case was now totally different. She asked those in favor of the course pursued towards Vallandigham to say aye. (All ayes.)

Mrs Anthony—That Vallandigham will now sail down South "Applause and laughter.)

A lady—I think that those dignitaries in this city who are walking in the same path should be put down there also. (Applause and giggle.)

Resolution then passed to the effect that the League should send a petition to Congress for funds and solicit money to enable them to get up an appeal to the President and the soldiers.

A very interesting looking lady from Maine here sidled up to the reporter of the *Herald*, and after the interchange of some civilities, the following dialogue ensued:

Lady (who refused to give her name)—I have made some remarks here, but (with a coquettish toss of the head) you shall not have my name.

Reporter—Indeed, madam, I am sorry for that.

Lady—You are from the *Herald*? I have heard and read a good deal about the "Satanic *Herald*," but the day will never come when you can hang such great and good men as Greeley and Wendell Phillips.

Reporter—I hope the gentleman always have such interesting advocates as you, madam, I don't see how people could have the heart to hang them. You seem to be hard on the *Herald*. Allow me to invite you to come and see us at the *Herald* office before you leave town, and you may see a picture which is better looking than I am.

At this the lady smiled, promised to visit the *Herald* office, and the proceedings closed.—*New York Herald.*

THE WIT OF THE BOURSE.—Among the speculators with which Paris abounds is a Jew who is noted not only for luck but his wit. He had to preside over a meeting of indignant shareholders, who assembled him and his brother directors very ugly names. At last, one poor duped wretch jumped up, and, addressing the chairman, cried out: "You mean to eat us up." "Oh, dear, no!" calmly replied the Jewish capitalist, "my religion forbids that." The rising was, of course, quelled by that ambiguous joke. On the following day the smart millionaire, pretending that his honor was wounded, sent a challenge to an outspoken barrister who had been his principal accuser. His seconds, however, received for answer the acute remark: "usually, a highly-honored man asks for either pen or sword, but M. P—— demands both. He shall have neither."

Recently, the head of the fraternity said in a sneering way to Baron Rothschild, with whom he is on very bad terms, that *he* too was invited by Jolly ambition, and expected a Baronyship. "You are mistaken," answered the money-king; "I am a banker, and you are an *industriel*. Now, banking at all times produced Barons, but *industrie* has never brought forth anything higher than *Chevaliers*."—*N. Y. Post*

Jacob Barker, the millionaire banker of New Orleans, now eighty-four years old, will publish a history of his life in June.—*N. Y. World.*

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Provost Court—Judge Peabody.—(Tuesday Morning.)—A considerable number of vehicle drivers were fined $20 each for not having their licenses properly registered.

Ann Doyle was charged by George Regan with knocking him down with a brickbat. Her defense was that he had insulted and abused her. Both were fined $15 each.

Mrs. Regan, charged with doing a smashing business in the way of gathering soldiers into her shanty, was convicted and sentenced to a fine of $50 and the confiscation of her liquor.

A black boy was charged by another with stealing his pants—but as the affair occurred last November, and could not be proved, the case was dismissed.

The keeper of a coffee-house was fined $10 for thrashing a man with a slungshot.

Ernest Smith was charged by a policeman with selling wine and beer, mixed with whiskey, to soldiers. The prosecutor said he saw the whisky poured out, and knew the article when he saw it, without tasting. The wife of the accused and the two soldiers concerned denied that anything but beer was drank on the occasion. Counsel argued that the *spirit* of the military order had not been violated in this case, as the accused was a loyal man; but the argument did not prevent the Court from imposing a fine of $50.

Messrs. Crane & Henderson, of the Greenwood Cemetery House, were arraigned on the charge of selling liquor to soldiers. Private [illegible] testified to the charge as made by their lieutenant, the prosecutor. Mr. Hahn, as counsel for the accused, while he would not excuse them for doing what was proved, urged warmly that the prosecution was based, like a good many others of the sort, on favoritism for Government houses. The case was concluded by a fine of $75 on each, with the confiscation of their liquors.

Peter Lynch, keeper of another house in the same vicinity, was charged with exchanging liquor for soldiers' shirts and a revolver. The articles were found on the premises of the accused, but he said he had taken them as a pledge for milk furnished the camp. He was fined $30.

Gregoire F Henry was arraigned on the charge of smuggling goods through the lines in the parish of Plaquemine. The accused was not ready for trial, and his counsel (Mr. Mandeville) desired the case to be postponed; but Mr. Sullivan, for the prosecution, urged that many of the witnesses were obliged to leave the city, and it was agreed to proceed to the case so far as their testimony was concerned. Lieut. Foster, Provost Marshal of Plaquemine, was examined in relation to the arrest of the accused, and the seizure of his goods. Mr. Henry was then called to the stand, and testified that he had been in the habit of buying goods in the city and selling them in the country; that he had purchased the goods in question, and had a permit from the Provost Marshal of Plaquemine to bring them out; that he had been stopped by the guard, and his goods seized; that he had been arrested and brought to the city, and had been kept in confinement ever since. The case was then submitted, and the Court took it under advisement.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

SEE OFFICE,
TUESDAY EVENING, June 2 1863.

There is little or no change in the condition of either financial or commercial affairs and dullness is still the prevailing characteristic. With an extremely small stock of the leading staples, Cotton, Sugar and Molasses, and a decided reduction in the receipts of these commodities, which were already on a very restricted scale, the avenues of trade and commerce are closed for all regular transactions of any magnitude. We see nothing at present which denotes increase activity at any early period and it is difficult to arrive at any conclusio regarding the future course and condition of our local monetary and financial affairs. The receipts of Produce and Provisions from the North have been liberal during the past fortnight, and the accumulated stock is considerably in excess of the demand, which is almost entirely confined to the supply of the trade and consumption of the city and neighborhood. Freights are dull, there is very little to go forward, and the rates are low and declining. The amount of unengaged tonnage in the port, though not large, is considerably in excess of the offerings. The Exchange market is very quiet, the movement is confined to occasional small transactions at rates [illegible] rates, ranging at 1½ @ 2 per cent premium for Bank and Bankers' sight bills on New York, and par @ ¼ per cent premium for out-door bills; 165@165 for Sterling, and 3 @ 3 50 for Francs.

There is little or nothing doing in specie. Now and then small sums change hands at 67½ @ 68 per cent premium for Gold, and 37½ @ 38 per cent premium for Silver. Treasury tender notes are held at 1¼ @ 2 per cent. premium. Received during the past three days $22,500 specie, exported $25,000 specie.

There is nothing doing worthy of note in Stocks and Bonds.

COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE SEE,
TUESDAY EVENING, June 2, 1863.

COTTON.—There are only two or three small lots in the market. To-day, 7 bales Low Middling sold at 64 ₱ lb.

SUGAR.—With only a few small lots in first hands the sales to-day are confined to about 60 hhds, new crop at the low [illegible] for Fully Fair to Prime.

MOLASSES.—To-day's sales embrace about 200 bbls, about all in first hands at 52 @ 53 cts for fair and 54 @ 56 cts for prime [illegible] for new crop according to quality.

MUSS.—A lot of 41 bales sold at 5½ @ 6c. ₱ lb.

FLOUR.—We have heard of no sales of any consequence, all the parties to whom we have applied are silent. We think the past few days of warm weather it appears the inquiry is slightly improved, and we have agreed between the buyer and seller that the [illegible] is worth 5 @ 10 cts ₱ bbl. more.