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Sales at Auction To-day.

By D. E. Murphy, at 10½ o'clock, Nos. 35 and 37 Old Levee street, preserved fruits and meats; at 66 Poydras street, potatoes and Rio coffee.

By R. P. Montgomery, at 12 o'clock, at the corner of Tchoupitoulas and Philip, sundries.

By McCarren & Landry, at 10 o'clock, at Masonic Hall, furniture; at 11 o'clock, at Moulinet Exchange, four lots of Ground.

By C. M. Jordan, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants' Exchange, several lots of ground.

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D. E. Murphy sells the attention of dealers and speculators to the various sales advertised by him for this day. See his auction advertisement.

A general assortment of household furniture, etc., will be sold to day by McCarren & Landry at their auction mart. Also, valuable property, estate of Jose Gonzalez, in First District, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, at 12 o'clock, M.

Mules, Cotton and Sugar.—R. T. Montgomery will sell at 10 o'clock, this day, at Dr. Beatty's stables, corner of Tchoupitoulas and Philip streets, 58 large No. 1 well-broke Mules; at 12 o'clock, on the Levee, opposite Custom-house street, 30 hogsheads choice sugar; and at 10 o'clock, at auction, 20 Camp street, 200 bales cotton. See advertisement.

State Taxes.—Mr. W. C. Campbell, State Tax Collector of the Second District, gives notice in another column that his office will be open daily, Sundays excepted, from 9 o'clock A. M., to 2 o'clock, P. M., for receiving all State taxes due for the years 1861 and 1862, on real estate, capital, &c.

Noon Performance at the Academy.—Those who find it inconvenient to attend the night entertainments at the Academy, should remember that a special performance will be given this day to-day at noon for the accommodation of ladies and children.

The U. S. mail steamship Evening Star, W. R. Bell, commanding, will leave her wharf at 5 o'clock this morning for New York via Havana, with a full freight of cotton, the United States mail, and the following passengers:

For Havana.—N. B. Alcott, G. San Miguel, Miss Bell, Mr. Bell, Miss C. H. Dowlin, H. Wright, Mr. Cheeseborough, Mr. Shook, R. Thomson, S. Child, J. Smith, F. W. Tully, Col. Roberts, A. Tetzenstrick, wife and child, Mrs. Ormond, Mr. Dix, D. W. C. Peck, D. McLellan, J. Bynon, M. E. Newton, J. W. Hopkins, Capt. Lee, Mrs. Ellis, Mr. Anderson and child, J. M. Taylor, J. A. Valentine, C. S. Bacon, Mrs. Bacon, Miss Bacon, Mr. Bird, R. C. Rose, J. McCollum, H. M'Call, Dr. Roberts, J. C. Chambers, Geo. Lindsay, Mrs. A. C. Grandy, Mrs. Donohoe, Mr. Hudson, Mrs. Wm. Ingraham and 2 children, Mr. Moore and servant, C. Lowe, Mrs. C. M. Townsend, Mr. Moore, Mr. Sage, Mr. Spear, Mr. S. Spear, Mr. Jay, Lawrason and servant, Mrs. Pendell, Mr. Vandiver and wife, C. H. Snowden, W. M. Fly, W. Graves, — Fly, — Fly, H. W. Treadway, G. M. Dodge, S. C. S. Fullerton, A. Mc Fenton, M. Porter and friend, R. Sweeney.

For Havana.—H. Juncar, Mrs. E. Moreno, F. Soria, J. G. Sobaid, G. S. Pitcher, Dr. Perkins, A. Trujillo, 9 in the steerage.

Late Southern News via Mobile.

The *Era* of yesterday evening gives the following, taken from the Mobile *Tribune* of the 8th instant:

Pinetop Superseded.

Major-General Patton Anderson has been sent to take command of the Confederate troops in Florida.

The Situation.

The steamer Magnolia arrived last evening from below. She reports that there was no firing on Fort Powell yesterday. The enemy's fleet, we are informed, has kept three ships and a half at least, from the fort for the last four days. Two steamers and seven mortar boats are reported in front of it.

From the railroad above we have no news. There were some rumors circulating yesterday in respect to deserters and marauders in that region, but on investigating them we found that if not entirely unfounded, they were greatly exaggerated.

In short, everything, everywhere, seems to be quiet.

A Beautiful Present.

One of the prettiest presents that we have seen for a long while has just been finished in this city. It is a pen and inkstand for Gen. Bragg, bearing on the blade the following inscription: "General Braxton Bragg, by his Escort, Capt. Guy Dreux, Lieut. L. Dauvin." The pen-holder is solid silver and the inkstand solid gold. The maker is Mr. Louis Blanchet, Sword Manufacturer, 62 Dauphin street. Considering the difficulty of obtaining proper ornamental working mat'l work, this sword does great credit to the taste and artistic skill of Mr. B.

The Victory in Florida.

The victory in Florida, says the Columbus *News*, was needless, as many of the most brilliant victories of the war have been. The troops were sent out to draw the enemy from his entrenched position, and fall back on the gunboats. Hence they had to be supported by reinforcements, and thus the battle became general. It raged intermittently for over a half hour, and culminated in one of the greatest victories of the war. When the enemy was under full retreat, our cavalry made a pursuit too for captive horse, but they failed almost entirely, and the fruits of the victory were mainly lost.

The result of the battle, as stated in a private letter now before us, is as follows: Five hundred prisoners, five pieces of artillery, 1600 stand of small arms, 130,000 rounds ammunition and two pontoon bridges. The enemy's loss is said not to be less than 3000, says 800. Many of our troops had never been under fire, yet they all acted with that coolness and gallantry more like veterans than raw levies. The retreat of the enemy is represented as precipitate in the extreme, baking only when nearly overcome by the range of their guns. Another battle is expected soon, but our Bold army is ready for action.

A Richmond dispatch of the 6th instant announces the arrival of Union prisoners to be exchanged. Lieutenant Colonel Cook, captured with Dahlgren, was in the Libby. The exchange of prisoners was to be kept secret, as "*The country is perfectly unprepared where General Abercrombie has been.*" The health of Vice-President Stephens is nearly restored.

Pinetops in Georgia.

Atlanta, March 7.—On Saturday morning Hume's brigade of cavalry attacked the Yankees twelve miles beyond Ringgold, and drove them from their position. The Yankees fled precipitately. We lost one man killed and took seven prisoners. It is well ascertained that the recent Yankee advance was intended as a grand attack. The enemy's main force is reported to find Johnston in such force. No present sign of a movement on the part of the Yankees.

Atlanta, March 7.—A special dispatch to the *Appeal* from Meridian, Mississippi, 6th, says the Yankees are all across the Tallahatchie. They burned nothing in Canton. They destroyed all corn-in all three of Moore of Tennessee's General Ridgewood sized many negroes. They destroyed provisions wherever found, and burned many houses in the country. The railroad is smoking from above to within a few miles of Canton.

The Troubles in the British Royal Family.—The Prince of Wales said to be Preparing to take the Throne.

(Special Dispatch to the World.)

Washington, March 8.—It is rumored in diplomatic circles to-day, that Queen Victoria is about to abdicate the throne of England. The advices by the City of New York, confirm the reports which have before been current, that the Queen is mentally incapacitated for much longer holding the position of Sovereign. She has not been able to attend council without having her mental infirmity, and the unfitness of those here of the Cabinet, particularly that of Lord Palmerston, has given the English public no inducement that a change in the Monarchy may speedily be anticipated.

The course of the Prince of Wales lately has indicated a preparation to assume the reigns of power. It is understood that the Prince will, on the 10th, an entirely new foreign policy will be inaugurated upon the Danish question. Advices from Copenhagen announce that Count Moltke, the Minister of War, is the Swedish. He will resign under the title of Minister of the Swedish.

Paris, March 19.—An English correspondence states that there is great discord in the royal family. The Prince of Wales insists upon marrying, and to his fashionable love, the Princess of Denmark, while the Queen is violent in her denunciations in favor of Germany. She even swore her majesty must be at least, as Germany is now split into two very decided parties. It is also added that the Prince of Wales has changed feelings toward the conservative party, and is said to make long visits to Lord Derby.

The Rebel Power in Western Louisiana—Their Number, Location, and Commanders.

(Special to the St. Louis Democrat.)

Natchez, Miss., March 2, via Cairo, March 11. I have reliable information from scouts, deserters and prisoners, of the enemy's force in West Louisiana.

Dick Taylor, with 3000 men, is at Alexandria, and Chatham, General Polignac at Harrisonburg and Trinity with 1500, and General Hamilton at Monroe and Columbus with 2000, mostly mounted troops.

The Confederates fortifying at Fort Derussy, on Black river, and at Trinity, on the Ouachita. Three thirty-two pounders were recently moved from Harrisonburg to the latter place. Their forces are all badly clad, many wearing our uniforms, taken from the dead bodies of our dead soldiers they have captured and killed.

Hovenpain, escaping rebel and then a Northern one, says: "They have only a provost guard at Shreveport. Three rams are reported below. The rebel gunboat Webb recently sunk, mostly in the mouth of Red river, causing much consternation among our gunboats there. We have quite a fleet of ironclads and ram vessels now.

The fact water reported at the mouth of Red river, rises in Texas, and reaches in Canadian.

About thirty deserters come into Natchez each week. They say that the rebel army are dispirited.

Mr. Chase Out of the Presidential Race.

The St. Louis *Democrat* of the 19th republishes Mr. Chase's letter to Mr. Matt. of Ohio, saying "that no further consideration be given to his name" in a Presidential connection, as no circumstances will be sufficient withdrawal from the contest, and says that this removes "all opposition to the administration of all true men."

The St. Louis *Republican* of the 19th doubts whether the letter expresses the settled determination of Mr. Chase not to be a candidate, under any circumstances. The same paper adds:

"One thing," we think, can be counted on with certainty, and that is that Mr. Chase's "declination" will not add to the prospects of the line of railroad. Causes are the necessity of mules and spell-ery horses. Commander of which died during the winter for want of forage. The army must necessarily remain inactive for a few weeks to come, and animals now here are in a most wretched condition and can scarcely do the work required of them for garrison purposes.

Of the 7000 inhabitants which Chattanooga contained previous to the rebellion, but 300 or 400 remain.

Chattanooga, March 7.—All is quiet in the neighborhood of Mossville and McLemore's Cove. The Thirty-seventh Indiana met with considerable disaster in an affair near Bishopsville (Bishop) on (Sept.) yesterday. The enemy came down upon it suddenly in large force, when it was scattered with loss. To-night they are probably in sight of Gordon's Mill. The cavalry remained prowling around our lines, but the front has been strengthened, and no fears of further misfortune are entertained. General Beasley has arrived and assumed the command of his division immediately. The weather is fine.

Later.—Colonel Harrison's (Sixty-ninth Indiana) loss was not so great as at first supposed. He holds about the same position as before the fight.

Chattanooga, March 8th.—Shortly after the demonstration of rebel cavalry on Harrison's cavalry, yesterday, the rebels rallied and our forces advanced and now hold Rickley Gap. It is not unlikely that the rebels may anticipate the offensive. The Sixty-ninth Ohio has re-enlisted. A rebel spy who has been lurking about town was captured and is closely guarded.

Signs Most Tremendous.

Knoxville, March 4.—Scouts report that Longstreet has shipped his wagons per rails to Mississippi, and is mounting his men upon the horses and mules thus released, and is pressing all the animals that can be found.

Rebel cavalry are still scouring the country to the south and east of us. Martin's cavalry appeared yesterday on the French Broad River, near the meeting of the Big Pigeon. Some apprehension is felt of a raid by Morgan on our railroad communication with Chattanooga.

Knoxville, March 7.—A force of rebels, reported at 500, under Major Gatwith, on the 5th, made a sabre charge on a picket of ninety three men of the Third Tennessee, at Panther Springs. A desperate running fight ensued, the rebels being finally repulsed at each charge. Lieutenant Bramble was severely gashed in the hand in hand encounter with a Major. Our loss was two killed, eight wounded and twenty-two captured. Our men took one prisoner, who puts the rebel force at thirty killed and wounded. The rebel Major and a Captain were severely wounded.

The First Ohio Heavy Artillery, 900 strong, have just arrived.

Affairs in North Carolina.

New York, March 6.—The steamer Ellen S. Parry, from Newbern the 1st, arrived this afternoon. Our Newbern correspondence of the 1st states that Jeff. Davis had suppressed the Raleigh *Standard*, thus increasing the satety of the editor's election to downcast next fall.

The rebels are now removing the obstructions in the Neuse river below Kingston in order to allow the iron-plated rams to come down to meet the anticipated attacks on Newbern, Washington and Plymouth, for which they are now making great preparations. A ram is also said to be ready on the Roanoke river, and two on Tar river.

The Raleigh *Confederacy* states that the recent attack on Newbern was only a diversion soon to be followed by heavier demonstrations. It urges the necessity of observing the patriotic spread from Virginia to North Carolina. Official intelligence confirms the report that Jeff. Davis had ordered the immediate seizure of all goods now held by the Federals in North Carolina. The General Post has made all the preparations in his power, and all the citizens and Reserves are under orders to be in their homes to-morrow.

The hanging, by the rebels, of 23 men of the Second North Carolina (white) Regiment, has suspended the loyal men in the State beyond all bounds, and they have resolved to take no more prisoners.

Lieutenant-General Grant Received with Honors.

Washington, March 9.—The President of the United States, this afternoon, formally presented to General Grant his commission as Lieutenant-General. The ceremony took place in the Cabinet Chamber, in presence of the entire Cabinet, General Halleck, Representative Lovejoy, General Rawlings and Colonel Comstock, of General Grant's staff, the son of General Grant, and Mr. Nichols. The President addressed him thus:

"*General Grant*—In consequence of the nation's appreciation of what you have done, and its reliance upon you for what remains to be done, in the existing great struggle, you are now presented with the commission, constituting the Lieutenant-General in the Army of the United States. With this high honor devolves upon you also a corresponding responsibility; as the country trusts you under God, it will sustain you. I scarcely need to add that, with what I here speak for the nation, goes my own hearty concurrence."

To which General Grant replied as follows:

"*Mr. President*—I accept this commission with gratitude for the honor conferred. With the aid of the noble armies who have fought on so many fields for our common country, it will be my earnest endeavor not to disappoint your expectations. I feel the responsibility of the responsibility devolving upon me, and I know that if they are met it will be due to these armies, and above all to the favor of that Providence which leads both nations and men."

The President then introduced the General to all the members of the Cabinet, after which the company was seated, and about half an hour was spent in social conversation.

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Later European News.

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In the House of Commons, Mr. Seymour Fitzgerald denounced the Government for seizing Laird's rams. He asserted the action was in consequence of fear. In answer for all correspondence on the subject, he said he should prefer war with America, but would rather get to that than the law of England should be infringed by acquiescence in the demands of the Government.

The Attorney General defended the Government, and explained their legal action, claiming the right of the Queen to detain vessels from purchase of justice and no other motive. Several members denounced the course of the Government, and urged it with parliamentary. Others replied, and finally the motion was rejected by a vote of 178 to 153—a majority of 25 for the Government, which was received with loud cheers from the ministerial side.

Mr. Laird said that it was true with the consent of the British and American Governments the rams had passed through the blockade at Richmond for the Austrian and French Governments. England made no similar application for the cotton, because the case was altogether different.

An immense meeting at Dublin to protest against the reception of the Albert Memorial in that city, drawn was broken up by rioters and scuffling. A desperate fight took place, but nothing serious.

Additional particulars of the Prussian repulse at Dappie are confirming. One account locates Gravenstein to the Prussians, but the Prussian official report says nothing of the loss. The Prussians occupied the whole of the position.

Lord Clarendon has addressed a circular to the Powers, on the subject of leaving matters to the arbitrament of Congress, a few months ago, on the basis of Lord and Napoleon street, and the Russian proposition for a conference, but says that England has not changed her views.

The Queen has issued a proclamation, forbidding the export of arms, ammunition and saltpetre.

The Times regards this as hopeful for a settlement. It was asserted that the contents of the proclamation were not England were no longer doubtful. The Emperor appears to be firmer.

Sumter fire at 66¾, 55c.

Liverpool, February 25.—Cotton sales Monday and Tuesday were 20000 bales. Market full but steadier. Prices, however, in some cases, rather favor buyers.

London Money Market.—The funds on the 24th were steady. Consols closed firm at 91¼ to 91¾. Money is growing more abundant, and the tendency in the discount market was toward a reduction of rates.

The following is a synopsis of the news contained in the 22d:

In the House of Lords, Earl Derby said the Government did not intend to send communications to report on the operations of American affairs, but their officers had been sent to report on iron-clads. For such purposes, no officers were sent to the Confederate States.

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The Latest.

Sandy Hook, March 9.—The steamer Australasian, from Liverpool on the 27th, and Queenstown 28th ultimo, arrived this morning. She sighted ashore on the point of Sandy Hook, but will get off undamaged.

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Commercial.

Office of the Bee, Friday Evening, March 18, 1864.

COTTON.—The market ended this morning with a limited enquiry at 68½ at yesterday's prices, but after the receipt of the statements by the 10 o'clock mail of the orders were withdrawn, buyers awaiting further intelligence, and the only sales reported were 30 bales ordinary at 62c, and 50 bales low middling at 65c. Receipts up to noon were 1,000 bales, against 1,000 bales last year. Stock in warehouses and on levee 10,000 bales, against 10,000 bales last year. Sales of the week 4,000 bales, against 1,000 bales last year. Receipts of the week 4,000 bales, against 1,000 bales last year. Exports of the week 4,000 bales, against 1,000 bales last year. Stock in warehouses and on levee 10,000 bales, against 10,000 bales last year.

SUGAR.—With light supplies and continuing good demand prices have ruled still more in favor of sellers; the sales embracing 300 hhds at 10c for inferior to fair; 10½ to 11c for common; 11½ to 12c for prime; 12½ to 13c for choice; 13½ to 14c for fully fine; and 14½ for white clarified. The arrivals for the week reported are 1,000 hhds; receipts 1,261 hhds; exports 1,200 hhds. About all the sales were from store. There is little or none in first hands. Mostly all on the landing is held by consignees or factors, awaiting shipment to the North and West, principally the latter.

MOLASSES.—All descriptions are in request, but the market, the sales are confined to 200 barrels and a small lot of 50 hhds at very full prices, ranging from 60c to 65c per gallon. The arrivals for the week reported are 1,000 barrels; receipts 2,000 barrels, exports 2,000 barrels.

PORK.—Purchasers have withdrawn from the market, and the sales are confined to 100 barrels mess at $23 50 @ 24 per barrel. Receipts previous to the week 1,000 barrels; stock on hand to-day light, and confined principally of mess, and the latter description.

HAY.—New York is selling, in small lots, at $30 @ 35 per ton.

POTATOES.—Have been selling on the landing at $3 75 @ 4 per barrel.

BALE ROPE.—A lot of 50 coil's manilla made sold at 9 P. M. 11 @ 11½c. landing at the P. B. The stock is very light.

CHEESE.—5 bales Western sold at the P. B.

FREIGHTS.—The steamship to leave for New York to-morrow morning has taking Cotton at 1-8c per lb.

MISCELLANEOUS.—Sales at auction to-day, 55 barrels Coal Oil at 87½ @c., 5 11-cent Hogs at 10½c and 50 tons potash at 6½ @ 6¾c per lb.

Quote Market.

Jefferson City, March 16, 1864.

Arrived during the past week 120 Beeves, 150 Hogs, 1 Mule, 1 Calf and 40 Mixed Cows. Sales of the week 161 Beeves, 150 Hogs, 40 Mixed Cows, Calves and Mixed Cows. Stock remaining on sale 10 Mixed Cows. The market continues free of Western Beeves, Hogs and Sheep.

Sales of the week:

Western Beeves, 1st quality, 6 @ ...	—	—
Western Beeves, 2d quality, 6 @ ...	—	—
Western Beeves, 3d quality, 6 @ ...	—	—
Prime Beeves 1st quality 6 head ...	06	06
Prime Beeves 2d quality 6 head ...	05	05
Prime Beeves 3d quality 6 head ...	04	04
Inferior Texas Beeves, 6 head ...	—	—
Hogs, 1st lot ...	07	07
Hogs, 2d lot ...	06	06
Sheep, 1st lot ...	04	04
Sheep, 2d lot ...	03	03
Mixed Cows, 6 head ...	04	04
Mixed Cows, 6 head ...	03	03
Mixed Cows, 6 head ...	02	02
Mixed Cows, 6 head ...	01	01
Mixed Cows, 6 head ...	00	00
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