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

Mr. Seward and the Military Chiefs on the French-Mexican Question.

Our old and usually sedate and pacific contemporary, the *Picayune*, has displayed recently on the French-Mexican question a light and frisky spirit, and a dashing bellicosity which, we respectfully submit, appears in doubtful keeping with that weight of gravity that was wont to sit so gracefully upon its venerable beard. Combining the humor of Falstaff with the pugnacity of Hotspur, it is equally ready to laugh down the cause of peace as founded in the sanctities of international right and law and to stir up an implacable animosity tending directly to plunge the nations, yet languid with unhealed wounds, into the vortex of a war of inconceivable magnitude and duration.

This strange disposition on the part of our contemporary leads it to make some curious statements and remarkable deductions. For example, it is pleased to perceive a "direct issue between the military and political chiefs of the country" on the question referred to. It continues:

Thus far it would appear that the military chieftains are a unit in favor of enforcing the Monroe doctrine. We quoted, several days ago, the reported language of a letter from General Sheridan, commanding this Department, to a meeting of the friends of the Juarez or Liberal party, held in New York city, which was little short of a notice to Maximilian and his backer, Louis Napoleon, to quit Mexico. Now we have a reported speech of Gen. Grant, at Elmira, New York, to the same effect.

Our contemporary also refers to "like views ascribed to" the Adjutant Gen. Thomas who made a speech the other day at Elmira, N. Y. and whom it confounds with Major Gen. Thomas who has been recently ruralizing the Tennessee elections. In a "reported" letter of Gen. Sheridan, a "reported" declaration of Gen. Grant, the "ascribed" views of Adjutant Gen. Thomas and its own assumption that Gen. Sherman and all the lesser chiefs entertain similar sentiments, our contemporary finds its grounds for concluding that the military authorities of the country are "unanimous in favor of driving Maximilian, and the French out of Mexico."

Now, there is not one authentic fact in this specification of evidence. The statement that Gen Grant, the most reticent of all the Generals who figured in the late war, spoke as reported to Canada is simply incredible. That Gen Sheridan wrote the "reported" letter is a dubious report, nothing more. What Adjutant General Thomas may have said in an unreported speech at Elmira is of no consequence. On the other hand, Gen. Sherman has repeatedly and pointedly urged the army and the people to give their thoughts to the interests of peace, and has deprecated warlike excitement and agitation as unwholesome, unwise and uncalled for. Gen. Logan has spoken in the same spirit; so have Gens Meade, Rosecrans and others, and the particular subject to which their pacific advice had reference was the French Mexican question.

But even supposing the unanimity apparent to our contemporary really to exist, would that signify a direct issue between the two sets of chiefs? Let us, before answering, see how our contemporary argues in support of such a signification. It says:

"As we are every hour reminded that martial law is in force through-out the country, we cannot be blamed for attaching great weight to the intimations of our present rulers. When we find that Mr. Seward, who is Secretary of State, is strongly opposed to this policy, and every day writing dulcet epistles to the Mexican Minister, to assure him of the neutrality of our Government in the Mexican affair but Mr. Seward is a very able man and a very sharp diplomatist, and once an important political chief and leader, has virtually abdicated a large share of his powers and delegated them to the military authority. He has consented to and endorsed the continuance of martial law, in a time of profound peace, and cannot except himself from its conditions and consequences. We must, therefore, look to the views and purposes of our military chiefs, rather than to Mr. Seward, to learn the true policy of our country on this Mexican question.

We are not aware that there has yet been an official utterance from the Generals named on the French-Mexican question. Whatever they may have said on the subject can be more importance than unofficial expressions on public topics from any other equally eminent citizens. There can be, of course, no conflict of policy between them, as military officers, with civil officers of the Government, until they have spoken or acted in official opposition to the latter. Having not done either in this case, where is the asserted "direct issue between the military and civil chiefs?" We can not see it by the lights of our contemporary.

But would it not be well before asserting such an issue to consider what relations the President would hold towards it? He, the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, the supreme military authority, is left out of the question by our contemporary. To make that issue, he would have to be opposed to the supreme civil authority; that is, he would have to be in direct issue with himself, since he is both supreme civil, and supreme military chief of the country.

How Mr. Seward can have "delegated a large share of his powers to the military authority," is beyond our comprehension, since that authority is derived from the President from whom he derives all his own powers as the diplomatic organ of the Government. In this capacity his declaration on international subjects is the only authentic form, the only authentic indication of opinion and policy on the part of both the civil and military authorities of the country.

Yet, Mr. Dana, of the Chicago *Republican*, having defended the course of Mr. Seward's on the French-Mexican question, and disapproved the warlike agitation of it, our contemporary rebukes him for assuming to "dictate policies at war with those which have reaction of the military authorities and, we believe, of the people." At the same time our ingenious contemporary describes Mr. Dana as the "representative" of the views of Mr. Seward, who is the representative of the President, who is head of all the military authorities.

There really seem at this moment less grounds than heretofore to ascribe a belligerent policy to the Government in any of its branches on the French-Mexican question. The Monroe doctrine, in its dated form, has about collapsed. The fiddlers who must fiercely worried that string have ceased to fiddle, but our contemporary continues to dance.

THE LUMINARY.—It should be borne in mind by all devotees to safety, speed, comfort and epicurean fare that this superbly appointed passenger packet takes her flight for Vicksburg at 5 P. M. to-day. Capt. Theo Shute is in command of the Luminary, and he is as punctual to the hour of departure as the needle to the pole. Therefore the *blessed* will be on board a little before five, where they will find the ever attentive and polite Mr. J. S. Sedam officiating in the office.

FOR ST. LOUIS.—The regular passenger steamer Henry Ames, Crawford master, Craig clerk, will depart for the Mound City, at 5 P. M., to-day. We are indebted to her obliging officers for late files of Western papers.

The U. S. mail steamship Monterey, Capt. Barber, sailed last evening at 7 o'clock from her wharf, opposite the Jackson railway; for New York direct, with a full freight, the U. S. mail and the following passengers:

E L F Bonnet, A Sachet, H Cooper, Miss Shepard, Mrs M C Shepard, Miss P Nichols, Mrs Stevens, Miss Willcox, Miss Hackney, Mrs Gordon, Paul Fourchy and wife, Chas Fourchy, Capt Rob Patterson, R F Clark, Jeremiah Thomas, John Lefevre, F Hallard, R Sachet, W Mitchell, Henry St Clair, David H Lathin, Mrs Skinner, H B Bailey.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

THE ATLANTIC—THE GREAT EASTERN RETURNS TO ENGLAND.

New York, Aug. 17.—The British steamer Saville, at St. John, reports that the Great Eastern returned to England on the 11th.

Marine News from S. W. Pass.

S. W. Pass, August 16—Steamship Sheridan was pulled off by U. S. tug Leviathan and proceeded to sea at 7 A. M.—Arrived this A. M. schooner Garibaldi from Matamoros with two passengers.

Schooner Adeline with the following passengers: Mr. Marks, Mrs. Fick, Mr. Louis Lepere, R. L. Bruce, G. W. Kadder, Mad. Roy and son, G. F. Bombard, Mrs. D. Cathalongne, S. Audier, J. Keating, Eugene Jovin, T. C. Hoggarth and E. Marks.

Schooner Louise, cargo: bagging, rope and crockery with the following passengers: A. F. Da Silva, B. N. Hebrard, B. Carr, Frank Shaw Mr. Kelsey, B. Barsata, F. Sala.

Schooner Neptune, with cargo of bagging, rope and twine, and the following passengers: F. Cazenoe, L. Marrapiti, H. Armigton, B Elliot, P. Caballero, S. Gorrellan, A Pesans, S Hughes and son, Carlotti, E. Pendo, E Bidibef, B Kearist and servant, Fanny Lee, L. Couboubick, Mary Barlow, L. Cohn, Martini, A. L. Cohen, Ed. Keller, Peter Luff.

Various Telegraphic Items.

(Special to the N. O. Times.)

THE WALL STREET ROBBERIES.

But little additional has been developed since yesterday relative to Ketchum's robberies. They are now said to amount to a half million.

OBJECTIONS TO COLORED SCHOOLS.

The *Times's* special says the Washington secesh object to the establishment of colored schools. They are petitioning Gen. Howard to have them removed, and allege, among other reasons, that they will cause a depreciation in real estate.

New York Markets.

New York, Aug. 16, 9 P. M.—Cotton heavy and declining—middling is quoted at 43. Flour advanced four cents. Corn 80@.

Sugar quiet—Cuba muscovado 13c. Molasses dull. Pork $32 50.

COTTON AND FLOUR AT ST. LOUIS.

St Louis, Aug. 16, 9 P. M.—Cotton dull, closing at 38c for middling.

Flour—a downward tendency. Tobacco firmer.

THE MISSISSIPPI CONVENTION ON THE 16TH AND 17TH.

Jackson, August 16.—The Convention met according to adjournment. Three additional members appeared, and were duly qualified.—The representation is about complete.

Hon. J. A Orr and Col. D. W Holder were invited to take seats within the bar during their stay.

Mr. Wood offered a resolution to amend the Constitution, so as to require to Probate Judge in each Court to act as an ex officio clerk, as a means of retaining them for the purpose of the transaction of business at any and all times. By the present method it is uncertain of ever finding them. Referred to the Committee on the Constitution.

The Convention adjourned, pending action.

The committee appointed yesterday to revise the Constitution report to-morrow.

Jackson, August 17.—The Convention met to-day according to adjournment. The Constitutional Committee reported that such change be made to the Constitution as necessary to prevent slavery or involuntary servitude, except upon legal conviction of a party for crime, striking out all portions of the old Constitution relating to slavery to any manner whatever.

An ordinance was also presented providing for elections of Congressmen, Governor, Members of the Legislature, and all State, district and county officers, to be held on the first Monday in October. Congressmen, Governor, Legislature and other State officers to hold office for two years from the date of election.

Judicial and ministerial officers are to hold office for the remainder of the unexpired terms of their predecessors, which will leave all elections as before.

The Secession Second Committee presented an ordinance ratifying all legislative, executive, judicial and ministerial acts of officers of States not made in aid of the late war, and not inconsistent with the Constitution of the United States, or that of the State of Mississippi. Both reports will be adopted.

MORE OF THE WALL STREET FAILURES.

New York, Aug. 16.—The *Post* says that Ketchum's liabilities are two and a half or three millions. Another report says that Ketchum will pay fifty cents on the dollar.

Youle Ketchum, on the day he died, sent a check for three hundred thousand dollars. The losses of Graham foot up over a million.

The failure of Ketchum & Co. caused a perfect rush of stock speculators from the watering places.

A delegation of New England Bankers is also here. It is reported that they will suffer severely.

Morgan & Co. hold 100,000 of the forged certificates.

ARREST OF THE DEFAULTER MUNFORD.

Peter B. Mumford, reported as having failed on Monday, was arrested to-day, charged with defalcation to Greenleaf, Morris & Co., with worthless checks amounting to two hundred and eighty thousand dollars on the Exchange Bank.

From Late Western Papers.

We have by the steamers W. R. Arthur and Henry Ames Western papers of the 11th and 12th, including those of Cairo to the P. M. of that day. We extract what follows:

Attorney General Speed on Military Tribunals.

Washington, August 10.—The Attorney General, in response to an inquiry of President Johnson, whether persons, charged with the offence of having assassinated the late President, should be tried by a Military Tribunal or Civil Court, gave a written opinion sustaining the former mode of trial. This opinion has been printed. It maintains that the Military Tribunal exists under and according to the Constitution in time of war and the law of nations constitutes a part of the law of the land, and the laws of war constitute the greater part of the laws of nations. The laws of war authorize human life to be taken without a legal process, or that legal process contemplated those provisions in the Constitution that are relied upon to show that such judicial tribunals are unconstitutional. The law of nations, which is the result of the experience and wisdom of ages, has decided that jayhawkers, banditti, &c., are offenders against the law of nations, and, as such, amenable to the military jurisdiction.

Our Constitution has made those laws a part of the law of the land. Obedience to the Constitution and to the law then requires that the military should do their whole duty. They must not only meet and fight the enemies of their country in open battle, but they must kill or take the secret enemies of the country, and try, and execute them according to law. The civil tribunals of the country can not rightfully interfere with the military in the performance of their high, arduous, and perilous, but lawful duties.

The Attorney-General characterizes Booth and his associates as secret, active, public enemies, and he concludes with the opinion that persons who are charged with the assassination of the President, committed the deed as public enemies, as I believe they did, and whether they did or not is a question to be decided by the tribunal before which they are tried. They not only can, but ought to be tried before a military tribunal. If the persons charged have offended against the laws of war, it would be palpably wrong for the military to hand them over to the civil courts, as it would be wrong in a civil court to convict a man of murder who had, in time of war, killed another in battle.

THE RECENT ASSASSINATION PLOT AT AQUIA CREEK, VA.

The Washington *Star* has the following additional particulars:

Since the railroad from Richmond to Aquia Creek has been placed in charge of the owners, the company has been repairing that portion between the Potomac and Fredericksburg, the route being used meanwhile by couriers connecting the boat Express running from this city, with that portion of the road in running order. To place the road in order, and to repair the wharf, and erect the necessary buildings, the company have been working a number of white mechanics and colored laborers. The latter, it is said, have had very bitter and vindictive feelings toward the whites, but there has been no open outbreak. The whites have been latterly on their guard, apprehensive of trouble but finally began to suppose that their fears were unfounded.

Tuesday night one of the colored men let out the secret, informing them that they (the blacks) had formed a conspiracy to murder all the whites at the place, and had for the purpose collected pistols, knives, hatchets, &c., which, at a preconcerted signal, they were to seize during the night and cook one rush and dispatch his victim. The informant gave the names of the principals and other details, and also told where the arms were.

The blacks outnumbering by considerable the whites, the latter sent to Stafford Court-House and informed the commandant of the military of the matter, and on Wednesday a sufficient force was sent down to capture the plotters. Some of the blacks attempted to resist and fought desperately, and in the melee, in escaping them, one of them, we hear, was killed outright, and two or three received bayonet wounds. The military took in custody forty or fifty of the blacks, and marched them off to a place of security, and also gathered up the motley collection of deadly implements which were found in the places described by the informant.

There was considerable excitement during the time intervening between the discovery of the plot and the arrival of the military, and preparations were made by the few whites, in case the negroes attempted to put their plans in execution, to give them a warm reception. Each clerk in charge of the commissary stores packed them on a barge, and pushed out into the stream but this was done so quietly that the blacks were not aware that it was on account of the discovery of their plot, and the arrival of the military was the first intimation they had that their plans had been made known.

[From the Fredericksburg Ledger.]

Many exaggerated reports are in circulation about this affair. We publish below the official report on the subject:

Captain G. W. Hooker:

Camp Pond, August 2, 1865.—Sir: I have the honor to report that last night the negro bands employed on the railroad at this point raised, with the avowed intention of murdering all the whites. I being very ill, and having lost much sleep, slept very soundly, and know nothing of it until I was called by a faithful servant from the neighborhood. The insurgents by this time had become quiet, after murdering all the whites off. I very quietly removed all my stores and books, and returned this morning to Lieutenant E. C. Lefebre, with a detachment of his command (stationed at Stafford Court-House) on the spot. The negroes refused to obey his order, and one had to be shot before quiet was restored.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant,

WM T. DIX,
for E. H Thompson, Sup't Mechanics

The following indorsement is on the back of the letter:

Stafford C. H. Va., August 2, 1865.—Respectfully transmitted with the request that instructions be furnished me as to how I will act. If I withdraw the force I have here, the negroes may rise again.

EDWIN C LEFEBRE.
Lieut and Provost Marshal, Stafford C. H. Va.

A number of negroes and white prisoners and witnesses in the above affair were brought into town. An investigation is going on.

THE TERRIBLE NAVAL BATTLE ON THE PARANA—THE CONFLICT DECIDED BY A BRAZILIAN IRON STEAMER.

New York, August 2.—The following account of the naval engagement on the river Parana is given in the *Journal Des ceb*:

At 8 A. M. the Paraguayan vessels were within reach of their enemy, and at once opened a furious fire. The Brazilians, including only one which has reached us, admit that the Paraguayans fought with the utmost bravery, and the result was for some time doubtful until the Brazilian steamer Amazon, being converted in to a ram, made its terrible havoc among the enemy's fleet. She sunk three steamers and a floating battery, and compelled four steamers which were likewise considerably damaged to run for it. The battle lasted until 6 o'clock P. M. The Paraguayans, who supported the fire of their fleet by a land battery of thirty guns, are reported to have lost 1,500 men of their squadron and 500 of the land battery. The Brazilians estimate their loss at about 300 killed, wounded and missing. Nothing could exceed the ferocious valor of the Paraguayans. They all seemed determined to conquer or die. Among the wounded prisoners who fell into the hands of the Brazilians was Lopez, the commander in chief of the Paraguayan army in Corrientes, and his wounds were tenderly dressed by the Commander in Chief of the Brazilian fleet, Batrana. Lopez had his left leg shot off, his arm shattered and his head cut open. He was also wounded in the abdomen. He is a native of Buenos Ayres.

The Brazilians estimate the number of Paraguayans killed at about 3,000, wounded and missing. Nothing could exceed the ferocious valor of the Paraguayans. They all seemed determined to conquer or die. Among the wounded prisoners who fell into the hands of the Brazilians was Lopez, the commander in chief of the Paraguayan army in Corrientes, and his wounds were tenderly dressed by the Commander in Chief of the Brazilian fleet, Batrana. Lopez had his left leg shot off, his arm shattered and his head cut open. He was also wounded in the abdomen. He is a native of Buenos Ayres.

HOT BETWEEN WHITES AND NEGROES IN INDIANA.

[From the St. Louis Republican, Aug. 12.]

A disgraceful riot took place at West Union, Indiana, on Sunday night, originating from a crowd of drunken white men firing into a church while a negro congregation were at worship. Upon this, the negroes sallied out and returned the fire, killing one of their assailants. Some thirty or thirty-five shots were fired by both parties, doing no further damage than shooting a finger off one of the negroes. The New Albany *Ledger* says a spirit of lawlessness exists in that community, and collisions between whites and negroes are not unfrequent. That paper, in common with all good citizens, deprecates these disgraceful outbreaks, and calls upon the police to promptly put an end to any future demonstration by arresting disturbers of the public peace.

THE TRIAL OF JEFF. DAVIS.

A special Washington dispatch of the 9th instant to the New York *News* says:

"I am prepared to put at rest all speculation concerning the trial of Jefferson Davis, so far as it relates to a military commission. I positively assert that President Johnson has decided that Mr. Davis shall not be tried by a military commission, notwithstanding he has been so persistently urged to that course by the radicals who thirst for more blood. And moreover I feel perfectly satisfied that he will never be tried, but eventually will be permitted to leave the country.

PLATFORM OF THE MAINE REPUBLICAN CONVENTION.

Portland, August 10.—The Republican State Convention met here to-day at 10 o'clock. The attendance was large, with a full representation from the whole State. The Convention was organized with the Hon. John A. Peters, of Bangor, as President, a Vice President from each county, and E. Powell, Aidan Sprague, and W. H. Wheeler as Secretaries. A Committee on Resolutions was appointed. At 11:30 A. M. a ballot was taken for Governor. The whole number of votes was 564. Samuel Cony, the present Governor, had 553 votes, and was unanimously nominated.

The platform adopted contained resolutions to the following effect among others:

The second resolve the indorsement of the principles and measures of the Administration of President Lincoln, stricken down because of his devotion to human freedom, and expresses entire confidence in Andrew Johnson, believing him desirous of securing the just rights to all parties, and, in behalf of the Union men of Maine pledges cordial support to the great work of securing the National Union, the restoration and equality of human rights, and enduring peace.

The third asserts that it is the duty of the Government to hold the State under Provisional Governors, where the character of the people is found to be unsafe depositary of free republican government.

The fourth proclaims that in reorganizing rebellious States the right and duty of the Government is to demand the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery and the perfect equality of all.

The eight declares that the Emancipation Proclamation of President Lincoln, the enlistment of over 100,000 colored troops, the good faith of the colored troops amidst treason, their being paid less than the whites, then placed in the most dangerous places, has pledged the national honor that these people shall have in fact, as well as name, conferred on them all the political rights of freedmen, and that the people of the United States will redeem this pledge.

THE SECRET CABINET MEETING.

New York, August 12.—The *Herald's* Washington special says: A long cabinet session was held to-day, and reports to say it was a stormy one. The President's reconstruction policy is understood to have been discussed in all its length and breadth, and his determination to adhere to it and to carry it out regardless of opposition or consequences.

REVENUE DECISION RELATIVE TO BANK GUARANTEES.

Washington, August 11.—The Commissioner of the Internal Revenue has decided that when receipts are given to parties who deposit valuables with banks for safe-keeping contain guarantees for value for same, such guarantees are liable to stamp duty, the same as agreements or contracts.

THE GREAT DEFALCATION IN NEW YORK

New York, August 11.—Additional developments in the Phœnix Bank defalcation have been received at the office of Perkins. James H. Earle, book-keeper of the bank, has been arrested as an accomplice, and confessed that he received $100,000 from Jenkins, which he lost in stock operations. He was taken to the station-house last night and put in a cell. This morning it was found he had cut an artery in his neck with a pen-knife and bled to death. He was a widower, 32 years of age, and lived in Newark, N. J.

The number to-day believes the defalcation will amount to $275,000. The bank has a surplus fund of $272,000, besides the earnings of the past six months, which, apart from the July dividend, are considerable.

Western Markets.

Cincinnati, August 11.—Flour—Firm but quiet, the demand having fallen off. Superior sold at $8 85@9 25; extra $8 50@8 75, and family $9 25@9 75.

Oats and Corn—Unchanged.

Whisky—Declined to $2 18.

Provisions—Quiet; only some pork sold at $30, and in the morning a few casks of a second-class brand was made at $29.

Bulk Meats—Dull. Shoulders sold at 15c packed, and sides at 16c packed. Bacon may be quoted as 16@16½ c for shoulders and 17½@18c for sides.

Lard—Sold at 23 @ 23½ c, as to quality.

St. Louis, August 11, P. M.—Hogs—Sales to-day 33 cold packages at 12c @ 13.

Lard—Market firm with sales to-day of 963 tcs and 36 pkgs at Missouri at 9c @ 13.

Tobacco—There was a very active and firm market this morning. Prices were higher on the lower descriptions of logs, and more satisfactory generally, as only 18 hhds were rejected. Sales include 12 hhds prime, logs from $4 to $5 50; 23 do factory $6 to $7 75; 94 do planters' $6 to $8 50; 24 hhds common shipping leaf $9 to $13; 17 do medium $9 $12 25 to $15; 24 hhds common manufacturing leaf $16 to $22 75; 4 do medium $24 25 to $30 25; 4 hhd good at $36 per 100 lbs.

Flour—Receipts were 3,171 bbls, and the market was somewhat active and very firm, especially for fresh and superfine, with sales of 1200 bbls fall superfine at $7; 100 do do at 7 85; 150 do choice spring extra at same; 991 do fall superfine, in lots, at $7 50; 100 do do at $8 25; 100 do do do, delivered, at $8 25; 100 do spring extra, inspected; double head lined and delivered, at $8; 130 do double extra at $8 50; 125 do do do at $8 75; 100 do do inspected and delivered at $9.

Rye—The market was better to-day, and sales comprised 110 sks in three lots at 85c. and 167 sks, in two lots at 85c per bushel.

Barley—Sale of 125 sks at 65c per bushel.

Oats—Receipts were 3,709 sacks, and prices were unchanged, but the market continues dull for new. There were 311 sacks offered new at 33 and 34c; 1,000 sacks inferior new at 30c; 1,040 sacks good new at 34c, 600 sacks prime new at 35 and 36c, 575 sacks prime and choice new at 36 and 37c, 500 sacks prime and choice at 40 and 42c per sack.

Corn—Receipts were 4,668 sacks, and the market was very firm, with sales of 1,000 sacks mixed and yellow at 76c, 1,715 sacks prime yellow at 80c, and 1,016 sacks white at 82 to 85c per bushel.

Hay—Receipts were 178 bales, and sales were 90 bales new lucon baled timothy at $20; and 82 bales new, in lots, part tight pressed, at $21 50.

Whisky—Market steady, with sales of 124 bbls, in three lots, at $2 20 per gallon.

Hides—Market steady at 12 to 12½c per lb for flint.

Provisions—The market continues quiet, and the only transactions heard of to-day were 200 bbls mess pork at $30, and 2,000 pieces plain canvassed hams at 22½ per lb.

Lard—Sales of 45 and 100 kegs choice kettle at 23c per lb.

Wool—The market continues very firm with an active demand for all that is received, with an upward tendency in prices. Sales reported to-day were 3 acres tub washed at 56 @ 57c; 2 acres do at 56c; 16 sacks do at 55c; 2 sacks do at 53c; 6 sacks dark do at 54c; 22 sacks do at 52c; 1 sack do badly burry at 35c; 1 sack fine unwashed at 51c; 4,000 fleece, fleece washed, half native, balance full blood merino, at 50c; 6,000 the native unwashed at 49@50c, and 7 sacks do do at 48c per lb.

Iron and Nails—Advances were received yesterday by William H. Markland & Co., of Pittsburgh, stating that an advance of half a cent per lb had been made on merchant bar iron, and 10c on nails.

Groceries—Business tolerably active, and considerable business doing in both sugar and coffee, with about large negotiations pending in sugar. We note an advance in Cuba sugar of about ½ cent per lb, but no change in other kinds. Stocks of sugar in first hands are light. Molasses is dull and nominal. Rice is quiet and steady, with sales of 100 bbls Carolina at 12c per lb. Coffee is quiet and steady, with sales of 500 bags Rio at 37c per lb. Rio is nominal at 36@37c. We quote Java at 41@42c.

STEAMBOAT COLLISION.—About 9 o'clock this morning, the steamship Matamoras, Captain Lelongang, after leaving her wharf going down the river, bound to New York, came into collision with the steamship Carlotta, Capt. Hoste, which steamer had left Algiers a few months previous. The Matamoras struck the Carlotta forward, carrying away her fore mast and otherwise injuring her so as to cause her to sink. The Captain and crew of the Carlotta took to their boats, no lives were lost. The Carlotta is supposed to be a total loss. The Matamoras received no injury and proceeded on her way down the river.

FOR ATCHAFALAYA.—The steamer Twilight leaves at 12 m for Simmsport.

ACADEMY OF MUSIC.—We learn from Mr. Kimrodge, Treasurer of the Academy of Music, that a dramatic troupe for its boards was to leave New York by the Northern Lights on the 9th. If they arrive in time the theatre will be opened on Monday night. We expect other particulars soon.

Thanks to Messrs. Craig and Robinson, clerks of the W. R. Arthur, and Mr. M. T. Cunningham, clerk of the Henry Ames, for Western papers; also to Mr. Mosier, Messenger of Adams' Express, for similar favors.

Disbandment of White Troops in Texas.

The New York *Times*, remarking upon a statement that there were from eighty to one hundred thousand troops in Texas, denies it thus:

The black and white troops altogether in Texas do not exceed half of the least of these numbers. The Department order which shows that instead of being enlarged, nearly the entire force is to be at once disbanded, and sent home. It must be remembered, moreover, that the troops now in Texas had been sent there before the surrender of the rebel army in that vicinity was announced. When this order is carried out, we suppose that the entire Federal army in Texas will consist of the 25th Corps (colored), and a few detachments of white cavalry. We quote the principal part of this order issued and highly important order. It will be observed that it is addressed to General Sheridan:

War Department, Adjt General's Office.
Washington, Aug. 1, 1865.

Maj. Gen P. H. Sheridan, U. S. A., Commanding Military Division of the Gulf New Orleans, La.:

You are authorized by the Secretary of War to cause all volunteer white troops, cavalry, infantry and artillery, serving in the Department of Texas, that you think can be dispensed with, to be mustered out of service. The volunteers will be by entire organizations, including all additional therein by recruits or from other sources.

Acknowledge the receipt of this. THOS M. VINCENT, Asst. Adjt. Gen.

This order might have been of earlier date. Its issuance is only in short compliance with the more promptly, we think, Gen Sheridan will see that he can comply with it in such a way as to leave but few traces of military occupation in Texas. This remark applies with still more emphasis to the other States.

PRESIDENT BUCHANAN AND THE LANCASTER AFFAIR.—The people of Lancaster are not making a very honorable reputation for themselves by their behavior towards Ex-President Buchanan. It is stated that, for three years successively, the voters of that city have elected him constable, and that three times, under a law requiring such oaths, he has gone before the proper authorities and made oath that he was elected without his wish, knowledge, procurement, or consent, and that he did not desire to hold the office.

The wife of the President, from all accounts, is a lady very much like the late Mrs. Henry Clay, caring nothing for city life or any society but finding peace and content in the calm, unpretentious precincts of the domestic life of which she is such fairly circle. Mrs. Patterson, the President's daughter, the wife of the new Senator from Tennessee, Judge Patterson, will, it is said, do the honors of the White House.

Mr. Field and the Director.

The *Spectator* says the following: "Mr. Bonzano recently opened negotiations with Mr. Field to sing at Niblos. The terms asked by the cantatrice were thirty thousand francs, to appear six times in three weeks. M. Bonzano offered twenty-five thousand francs, which was indignantly refused. Mlle. Patti subsequently declared that in a concert at Nice, on her own account, she will receive upwards of forty thousand francs. The assembly was the property of M. Bonzano, so that you ought to make no application to him. Mlle. Patti had now an opportunity of revenging herself on the Paris Impresario, and she did not fail to do so. She wrote the following gracious letter to Mlle. Patti: 'Madame, I have taken to give a concert on the 14th of September, will be at your disposal.' Mlle. Patti shall pay for my own place to hear you."

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Present Court—Mayor Benedict, Judge.—The colored man Moses Mooney who, with his wife, was found guilty of having sold a gold watch chain to another colored man, and sentenced to 3 months' imprisonment. The hearse was ordered over to the Quartermaster.

R. Dunnigan was tried on the charge of having 1742 chickens in his possession. It was shown that government sold the animals and caused him acquitted.

—Wm Gleeson, sergeant in the U. S. A. was charged with the murder of Private Brown. It was however, there were some further operations which swelled the amount of the day's sales to 1750 bales. We now revise our quotations as follows: Ordinary 28@ 30c, good ordinary 32@33c, low middling 37@39c, middling 39@42c. The week's sales sum up 12,850 bales, which is the largest business yet reported this year. Receipts 12,972.

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Exported previously	15,257	
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Stock on hand and on shipboard not cleared		153,885

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FLOUR.—The demand is active, but the stock being very light the sales to day are confined to 700 bbls, of which 100 fine at $8 75, 100 unassorted superfine at $9, 100 inspected do at $9 25, 100 and 150 choice superfine at $9 50, and 100 choice extra at $11 @ bbl.

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OATS.—$3 bbls Rose sold in one lot at $13 @ bbl.

Nothing else reported.

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Shooting Occurrence Mobile in Missouri.

(From the St. Louis Republican, August 12th.)

A St. Louis correspondent of the Chicago *Tribune* says, no doubt with entire authority:

Accounts are received from the interior daily of shootings between loyal men and returned rebels. It is currently reported that many cases of shooting returned rebels where are never printed. The perpetrators of not to report such occurrences, and the friends of the victim deem it inexpedient generally to make any notice on the subject.

It is but fair and due to say that the rebels who have returned to Missouri have generally conducted themselves in the most quiet and unobtrusive manner. In a few cases, however, there were some further operations which swelled the amount of the day's sales to 1750 bales. We now revise our quotations as follows: Ordinary 28@ 30c, good ordinary 32@33c, low middling 37@39c, middling 39@42c. The week's sales sum up 12,850 bales, which is the largest business yet reported this year. Receipts 12,972.

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COMMERCIAL.

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Groceries Marriage.

Grey to Lucy Jones, August 16, 1865.

Arrived yesterday: 94 Western Brown, 131 Texas Beeves and 200 Hogs.

Arrived previously: 28 Western Beeves, 90 Texas Beeves, 237 Hog