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

State Reorganization and What Comes After.

Mississippi, which was the second State to secede, and which, at Vicksburg, fired the first gun in the partial and informal hostilities which introduced organized and general war, is the first after the close of the war, to repeal her ordinance of secession and to take other measures looking to the resumption of her former relations to the Union.

The Jackson Convention which, after a brief session, adjourned subject to call on the 24th, manifested a practical ability and a political discretion which might well commend it as a model for similar bodies that will soon be called to act on the same questions in other Southern States. In its constitution making capacity the action of this Convention as far as it goes is singularly direct, explicit, and applicable to the case. It consists mainly in recognizing the abolition of slavery as a fact, in prohibiting its subsequent existence in the State and in recognizing that the Legislature shall provide for the full protection of freedmen and guard them and the State against evils which may result from so ideal emancipation.

The clause for the legal protection of freedmen was doubtless adopted with a view to disarm the argument of the Radicals, who demand suffrage for the negro on the ground that he will be oppressed by the laws of the Southern States if not enabled to protect himself with the ballot. As regards legal security this is more than State Constitutions have done for minors, for women, and for resident foreigners. If the Radicals demanded negro suffrage only from sincere concern for the welfare of the negro, the guarantee of his rights of person and property thus given by the State of Mississippi would surely remove from that State the occasion for the demand.

But the welfare of the negro is quite a secondary consideration in the programme of the Radicals. They want negro suffrage, not so much for the future security of the black man as for the perpetuation of their own power. To that of fect, in the event of all the lately insurgent States resuming their Union status, they deem the voice of the Southern freedmen indispensable. They will struggle bitterly to obtain this great political reinforcement. It is plain that they will not be stayed in their efforts by the views and wishes of the President. Features of State reorganization which may satisfy him may be repudiated by them; he may sodorse, but they may refuse to ratify his endorsement.

The President, it is said, has already telegraphed his approbation of the work of the Mississippi Convention. This means that Mississippi has fulfilled the conditions required by him as a proof of her loyalty and fitness to resume her political rights in the Union. Thus favorably recognized by the Executive, the next step to complete the resumption of those rights is to re-enter Congress with a similar recognition from that body; and it is there that the Radicals will set up conditions supplemental to those of the President, and make a desperate struggle to secure to their party the element of negro suffrage as a weapon with which to control the South on the one hand and to overpower Conservative opposition at the North on the other.

We repeat that this struggle will be inevitable, and that, having gained the good will and support of the President, Mississippi, and other States which may follow her example—and it is well that all should stand together on this issue—will be in a situation analogous to an army which has carried one line of intrenchments and is obliged to storm another in order to gain the contested stronghold. The success of the second movement ought to be placed, if possible, beyond all hazard, for in such a case the retreat of the assailants leaves them in a worse plight than they were in before advancing—usually the repulse is a disaster, sometimes total rout.

So various and shifting are political classifications at this time, that it is impossible to anticipate the strength of the Radicals in the ensuing Congress. Should it be such as to command the vote of that body against the admission of Southern Representatives, the issue would then be broadly made whether dissension shall be indefinitely protracted, to keep a desperate and despotic party in power.

The most bitter of practical dissolutionists would then be in the North. It is yet to be seen how far, the Radicals may succeed in reducing Congress to a faction and making that faction supreme. Meantime let us remember, if the worst should come, that the Long Parliament had its Cromwell.

PRICE CURRENT ARRANGEMENTS.—That excellent commercial publication, the *Price Current*, announces that, in consequence of its increase of business, it has returned to its old price before the war, 10 cents a copy, and that it is endeavoring to reduce the price of its *Letter Sheet* still lower. That its extending patronage will justify this can not be doubted.

The Annual Statement of the *Price Current* on the 1st of September will be a commercial review, business men and every planter and farmer should possess. The proprietors are prepared to furnish any number of their two sheets, with or without private circulars; they request the latter to be sent in as early as possible, and will furnish circulars to those who do not choose to write them.

They also intend to commence on the 1st of October to issue a daily market report in a small and convenient letter sheet, with every variety of commercial, financial and marine information, up to 3 o'clock, P. M., and this at the rate of only 2 1/2 cents a piece, or 30 cents a dozen.

There are hopeful signs of the opening business of the city.

PERSONAL.—We learn that Capt. Semmes, formerly commander of the famous Alabama, arrived in the city yesterday, together with him, Major Oliver Semmes, and that they took rooms in the house of Capt. Brooks, 148 Canal street.

The officers of the steamer Judge Fletcher inform us that she left Shreveport, on Friday, 18th inst., at 11 o'clock, and had proceeded about twenty miles down the river when the larboard guard gave away, throwing about two hundred bales cotton into the river, which was all recovered with the assistance of the steamer E. M. Bechtell. River falling very fast with 4 1/2 on the principal bars.

STAGE OF THE RIVER.—Last evening the river in front of the city was five feet eleven inches below the high water mark of 1862, a fall of eight inches within the past week.

To Mr. E. L. Shaw, clerk of the steamer Fashion, we are obliged for our latest Vicksburg papers, to Mr. J. W. Barrett, clerk of the steamer Judge Fletcher, for Shreveport papers; to Mr Dubio, of Adams' Express, for Alabama and Mississippi papers, and the Commercial Express for Mobile papers of the latest date.

The steamship Star of the Union, Captain Blanchard, will have her wharf foot of Tchoupitoulas street, at 8 o'clock this morning, for New York, direct, with a full freight of cotton and the following passengers:

Miss E Lewis, Wm Addison, E H Laycock, A A Mc Ginnis Jr, E T Hawkins, C G Blake, J L Blake, Chas Mc Ginnis, Mrs E T Hawkins and two children, Wm D F Page, four children and servant, Geo Jordan, M Cohn, Mrs J G Lincoln and 2 children, Miss Cap Bryan, Mrs Sumner Semmes, Miss Fenn and servant, Mrs Col Leake and child, Mrs Col Semmes and child, C G W Bishop, C Kaufmann.

PASSENGERS.—We send on the list of passengers per steamship Home, from Galveston:

Mrs Middleton and servant, Mrs W Morton, Miss Jennie Morton, Mrs Bailey, Miss Bailey, Master J Bailey, Miss Mary Bailey, Master Willie Bailey, Miss Jennie Bailey, Miss Lizzie Bailey, Miss Jones, and family of four children.

BY TELEGRAPH.

TESTIMONY AGAINST WERTZ.

THE WERTZ TRIAL, &C.

LETTER FROM JOE JOHNSTON.

New York Markets of the 25th.

Gold 43 1/2—Cotton 45.

(To the New Orleans Bee.)

New York, August 25.—Col. Gibbs, Confederate commander at Andersonville, and Mr. Bates, physician, are very severe in their evidence against Wertz.

Joe Johnston has written letters recommending Virginians to enter immediately upon peaceful duties, and to vote for conservative who will maintain the interests of Virgini a as a member of the United States.

Cotton 45. Gold 43 1/2.

New York, Aug 24—Gold is quoted at 43 3/4. Sugar has advanced 1/4c. Molasses is firmer. Coffee has advanced 1/4c. Cotton is unchanged.

The examination of Wertz has been resumed, after some altercation in the courts.

Lord Lyons has been appointed British Ambassador to Constantinople.

(Special to the New Orleans Times.)

Feeble Attempt to Renew the Monroe Doctrine.

Washington, August 24.—The special to the New York *Commercial* says a feeble attempt is making to renew the Monroe doctrine. There is not the slightest ground for supposing that Government will depart in the least from its policy of non-interference which it has adopted in this and all similar cases.

SWEDES GOING TO VIRGINIA.

A large party of Swedes have arrived en route to settle in Upper Virginia, on the James river.

Washington, August 24.—The Fredericksburg (Va.) *Ledger* publishes a letter from Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, dated August 17th, in which he says that the future course and interests of the State of Virginia are so plain that little can be said on the subject. He referred to the question at issue between them and the United States to the arbitrament of the sword, and the decision which had been made on against them. They must acquiesce in the decision and accept it as final, and recognize the fact that Virginia is again one of the United States. Their duties and interests coincide, and they will commit the one and perform the other by doing all they can to promote the welfare of their neighbors. They should at once commence to cast their votes at the polls as peaceful citizens. This course he recommends to all.

FOR ATTAKAPAS.—At 5 o'clock this afternoon the fleet steamer T. D Hine, under command of Captain A. J Farmele, will leave for St. Martinsville, Petersonville, Franklin, &c. The veteran Capt. James Bell is in the office. The Hine has just been repaired, refitted and repainted and now stands No. 1 in all our insurance offices. Therefore we take pleasure in recommending her to our readers.

FOR GRAND ECORE.—The excelsior regular Saturday packet, B. L. Hodge, leaves positive at 5 P. M to-day for Grand Ecore, Alexandria and all intermediate landings on Red River. The Hodge is a first class boat and she stands A1 in all our insurance offices, while her officers are all veteran boatmen. Safety, speed and comfort are the combined attractions she possesses. The deservedly popular Capt. Dick Sinnott is in command, and the well-known Captain C. Hudren is clerk.

FOR SHREVEPORT.—The first class passenger steamer Louis d'Or is the Red River packet today, and she will positively take her flight at 5 o'clock this afternoon. The veteran Captain Cheny Johnston is on the roof, and the office affair are ably conducted by the well known Captain T. D. Hine.

THE NEW ERA FOR RED RIVER.—This fleet and light draught packet leaves positively at 5 P M to-day for Shreveport and all-way landings on Red River. The Era stands A1 in all our insurance offices, and she is officered by careful and experienced boatmen.

The deservedly popular Capt. W. T. Scovil is in command.

FOR THE LOWER COAST.—The steamer Wenona, Capt. G. E. Pitcher, leaves positively at 10 o'clock this morning as above. Mr. N. Barrois will be found in the office.

The Limits of Civil Government in the Lately Insurgent States.

In a recent speech in the Mississippi Convention, Mr. Yerger, in order to show how completely civil government was subject to military power, cited the case of a man in Washington county who was arrested and brought to Vicksburg for trial, before a military court, for killing a negro. Application was made to a judge to issue a writ of habeas corpus for an investigation of the grounds of his arrest. The writ was issued, when it was not only disregarded, but the Judge issuing it was arrested and imprisoned. The case was then referred to Washington for instructions, when an order appli able to such cases was issued, and which Mr. Yerger read.

From the text of this order it is clearly applicable, not only to Mississippi, but to all the States (including Louisiana) which were recognized as insurgent, and in which the rebellion is not yet officially announced as a thing of the past. We give it textually:

Headquarters Department of Mississippi,
Vicksburg, Miss., August 15, 1865.

General Orders No. 18.

The following endorsement on a communication, regarding jurisdiction of Military Courts in certain cases, which was addressed to the Assistant Judge Advocate General, and by him referred to the Judge Advocate General of the Army, and which is approved by the Secretary of War, is published for the information of all concerned:

War Department,
Bureau of Military Justice,
July 25th, 1865.

Respectfully returned to Col. W. M. Dunn, Assistant Judge Advocate General.

The trials by Military Commission of the within named citizens of Mississippi, (Cooper, Downing and Saunders), charged with capital and other crimes committed upon colored citizens of our army, (and in one instance of similar treatment of a colored female,) should be at once proceeded with; and in all like cases of crime in that locality should be promptly and vigorously prosecuted. That the President has accorded a provisional government to the State of Mississippi is a fact which should not be allowed to abridge or injuriously affect the jurisdiction heretofore properly exercised by military courts in that region during the war.

And especially in the continued exercise of that jurisdiction called for, in cases, 1st, of wrong or injury done by citizens to soldiers (whether white or black) and, 2d, of assault or abuse of colored citizens generally; where, indeed, the local tribunals are either unwilling (by reason of inherent prejudices) or incapable, by reason of the defective machinery, or because of some State law declaring colored persons incompetent as witnesses,) to do full justice, or properly punish the offenders.

The State of Mississippi, in common with other insurgent States, is still in the occupation of our forces, and, embraced as it is in a military department, is still to a very considerable extent under the control of the military authorities. Moreover, the rebellion, though physically crushed, has not been officially announced, or treated either directly or indirectly as a thing of the past; the suspension of the *habeas corpus* has not been terminated, nor has military law ceased to be enforced, in proper cases, through the agency of military courts and military commanders in all parts of the country.

A. A. SEARLE,
Major and Judge Advocate.

SECRETARY STANTON.—The Washington correspondent of the Pittsburg *Commercial* says that it has good authority for saying that, on account of his health, Secretary Stanton will resign from the Cabinet in a few weeks, at the farthest. He is advised by his physicians to do so. As soon as the Arrangements for promptly getting out unnecessary troops are completed, and things are in such a shape that he can turn them over to his successor, he will resign, and intends spending a few weeks at Cape May and in travelling.

The steamship Kinsington, Capt. Chipman sailed last evening for Boston direct, with a full freight.

MESS PORK AT 37 MARCHEZ STREET.—F. Dalhonde & Co., No 37 Natchez street, advertisement for sale 300 barrels of choice mess pork, overweight, of the Louisville packing. The superior quality of Kentucky pork is conceded.

IMPORTANT RELATIVE TO COTTON INSURANCE ON RAILROADS.—An important notice is given elsewhere by the Secretary of the Board of Underwriters to the effect that cotton must be enclosed in box cars, or fully protected by tarpaulins, when conveyed on railroads, in order to be insured by Companies composing the Board.

We publish to day the card of a new firm Messrs. Brooks & McDonald, cotton factors and commission merchants, No. 193 Gravier street. We recommend them to the public as possessing large capitals combined with energy and first-rate reputation personally and unencumbered with liabilities of any kind.

Robberies, Fires, Disorder and License in the Parish of St. Martin.

(From the Courier of the Teche (St. Martinsville) August 19.)

Verily if no stop is put to the rule of the robbers and incendiaries in the parish, the place will be no longer tenable. We are again called upon to chronicle some cases where one cow is to establish beyond cavil the prompt state of affairs which the absence of peril law and the presence of the military authorities amongst us have produced.

On Saturday night last the streets of the town of St. Martinsville were ringing with the loud hurrahs and clamors of the darkies, now bearing the name of freedmen, rejoicing over their newly acquired freedom. Acts to test the assistance to the occasion, and several places were opened to the darkies who were *spuling* for a dance. According to the recent order published by the Secretary of War, negroes have just as much—nay pardon—have much more right than white men to travel unmolested day or night and go wherever they choose. In consequence the streets were filled by hundreds of negroes, galloping on horseback—proceeding, and prowling in every yard. The result of all this was that the store of Messrs McLean & Branghan was broken open, and goods to the amount of one thousand dollars were stolen therefrom. Investigation plainly show s that the robbery was committed by a regularly organized band. The Commander of the Post at New Iberia was immediately apprised of the fact, and with a detachment he made a perquisition through St. Martinsville, but of course nothing was found.

On Tuesday night at about half past eight the young ladies at Mr. C Landry, who lives at about three miles from town, discovered that the house was on fire. The alarm was given and by dint of cutting the shutters living on the place succeeded in putting out the fire. It is thought to be the work of an incendiary The fire having been discovered in time, the initial injury was effected. Two rooms in the lower basement, some bedding and furniture were destroyed.

About the same hour on the same night, Mr. A Gauthier was awakened by the barking of his dogs. Arising himself, he went into his yard, when he heard persons galloping off from him. He immediately fired in the direction of the noise but with no effect. The persons had come there with the intention of taking off some calves and were already performing their work, when Mr Gauthier was fortunately awakened.

It is by no means strange that on the same night and nearly at the same hour, a house was fired and an attempt made to rob, when we are informed that in the line in front of Messrs. Gauthier and Landry, over twenty negroes were seen passing on horseback a few moments previous to these occurrences.

The Cotton Question at Shreveport.

The Caddo *Gazette* of the 19th says:

Unless the military authorities here adopt a different policy in regard to cotton planters will scarcely bring it to the market. We do not really know what their policy is, but only know it is the prevalent opinion in the country that no cotton brought here is exempt from military seizure, if not permanent appropriation.

The receipts of cotton at this point have fallen off largely, owing probably to the terrors of the "middle passage," made so, as is supposed in the country, by the military. The fact is, we believe the quantity of cotton in the Department will fall far short of the estimates of the knowing ones in New York and elsewhere. Where the present supply is exhausted the scarcity of money in the country will be greater than ever before known.

Cotton Business Blocked in Alabama.

The Mobile *Tribune* of the 24th says: We understand that the order referred to in our yesterdays issue, prohibiting the shipment of cotton from the interior until further notice, emanated from Gen Woods and not from the Treasury Department as stated. It matters a little whence the order came, the effect will be the same; that is to cause a complete stagnation of business of all kinds here until it is rescinded. Unless the cotton in the interior is brought to market and sold there will be and can be but little money put in circulation, and unless money does circulate pretty freely business is sure to droop.

Cotton Prospects in the Vicinity of Baton Rouge.

The Baton Rouge *Comet and Gazette* of the 21st says:

We had a fine refreshing shower of rain at this place on Sunday afternoon the first we had for nearly a month. We regret, however, to learn, that it did not reach the country back to benefit many crops of the nearest cotton farms which are and have been for so long a time suffering from the drought.

The want of rain has already caused such profuse shedding of the cotton leaves and tender to is, as to justify the serious apprehension that not more than a half crop of cotton will be realized in our parish this year, and this average must be still further reduced unless the causes leading to this evil are made to disappear by early and more general distribution of the rains.

GOSSIP OF A NEW ORLEANS CORRESPONDENT.—The New Orleans correspondent of the Mobile *Tribune* writes on the 21st:

General Beauregard was disturbed, a few nights since, at about two o'clock at night, by a squad of soldiers sent to his house in the lower part of the city, in search of a political offender, I am told. The ladies of the household were much frightened. General Sheridan, I am informed, expressed regret that any rude or unnecessary measures should have been taken by the officer commanding the squad in ransacking the General's premises. Rumor said that it was thought Kirby Smith was concealed there, but this is simply ridiculous. The affair caused considerable excitement among our excitable Gallic friends.

It is stated by knowing ones, that the Banks Distant-Black Republicans have forty thousand dollars to use at the coming election. By one process they will run candidates taken from the ranks of the out-and-out negro suffrage party, but support with money and votes some one of the "Conservative Union" or, as some call it, the "National Conservative party," as well as above their dude whenever necessary. One has to keep a bright, wide-awake eye upon aspirants for office now. Men and measures both are to be scrutinized, or else regret will come too late.

Gen. R. E. Lee.

(From the Richmond Republic, Aug 14.)

We have already announced that Gen. R. E. Lee had been offered the Presidency of Washington College, Lexington, Va. Judge John Brockenborough, one of the Visitors of the college, was sent to inform him of his election, and at our latest advices from Lexington had not returned. It is, therefore, unknown whether Gen. Lee will accept the position; but in the absence of positive information on the subject, we are inclined to think that he will not. He has recently expressed the intention of leasing a grazing farm in Albemarle, and residing upon it with his family. During the past week, he and Mrs Lee have been on a visit to Brent, the plantation of Gen. Philip St. George Cooke, fifteen or twenty miles above Cartersville, and was shot there by Judge Brockenborough.

Washington College is, next to William and Mary, the oldest institution of learning in Virginia, and the Alma Mater of some of the most prominent persons of the State. It before the war, stood next to the University in the high qualification exacted from applicants for its degrees. It was originally an academy; liberally endowed by Gen. Washington during his lifetime, and was shortly after chartered as a college. In 1848 it was further endowed with $10 000 by Mr. John Robinson, a James River planter, and has been immediately after the war, the college should now by a flourishing financial condition.

The Old Free Colored Population of New Orleans.

The City Cars and Colored Persons.—At a meeting of the Universal Suffrage Association on Tuesday evening, the speaker, Mr. Dumas, (busy in the memorial now before the Legislature,) read an article from the New Orleans *Times*, which he characterized as the most ridiculous, contemptible, and infamous production that had ever been published in this city. The article was in favor of the exclusion of colored persons from the cars, and was written in a manner to excite the prejudices of the people against the colored race. Mr. Dumas said that he had been informed that the Mayor had given his consent to the exclusion of colored persons from the cars, but he could not believe it to be true, as he had not seen any notice to that effect posted in the cars. He had, however, seen a notice posted in the cars, stating that the Mayor had given his consent to the exclusion of colored persons from the cars, and that the Mayor had given his consent to the exclusion of colored persons from the cars, and that the Mayor had given his consent to the exclusion of colored persons from the cars, and