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NEW ORLEANS:
TUESDAY MORNING, FEB'Y. 9, 1864.

Sales at Auction To-day.

By E. B. Murphy, at 10½ o'clock, on the Levee, head of Poydras street, boat.

By E. T. Montgomery, at 11 o'clock, on the Levee, opposite Spain street, Third District, Automatic Gin.

Holloway's Pills and Ointment are the surest and safest medicines yet offered to the public. They have afforded more real blessings to the necessity, sick chamber and hospital than the combined remedies of all the Apothecaries' Drugs. For the cure of Ulcers, Wounds, Bruises, Sores, Scrofula and skin diseases the Ointment is unequalled, while the Pills are a sure antidote for dyspepsia, etc.

D. E. Murphy, auctioneer, calls the attention of speculators and buyers to his various sales advertised for this day: At 10 o'clock, A. M., at No. 235 Baronne street, between St. Joseph and Julia streets, a well-furnished and desirable oyster saloon and fruit stand. Also, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., 136 barrels beef, on the Levee, head of Poydras street. At 11 o'clock, A. M., on the Levee, head of Julia street, First District, the wreck of the steamer Planet, engines, boats, barges, spars, blocks, bedding, stores, &c. Also, 3100 bushels coal. See his advertisements.

Lime.—The sale of 605 barrels Rockland lime, advertised by R. T. Montgomery for yesterday, having been unavoidably postponed, will take place at 10½ o'clock this morning, on the Levee, opposite the steam cotton press. See advertisement.

See R. T. Montgomery's advertisement of 200 tons anthracite coal, to be sold at auction at 11 o'clock this day, on both Carlton, opposite Spain street, Third District.

Sale of furniture, carpets, &c., at No. 157 Baronne street, by McCorren & Landry, auctioneers, at 10½ o'clock this day.

Grocery Store for Sale.—A wholesale and retail grocery store, in a most eligible position, is elsewhere offered for sale; application to be made to this office.

The Clerk of the steamer Luminary, Mr. J. B. Weaver, has obliged us with highly acceptable newspaper favors.

Mardi Gras and Lent.—To-day is the last of the carnival, the fat Tuesday, plethoric with all manner of jollity, making the most of its brief opportunities before the advent of the lean Wednesday which ushers in the Lenten fast. This copious and this transition are to illustrate correspondence with a principle in good human nature. Man, remarks some writer, revels in the extremes of pleasure and pain, gladness, and they urge feast to repletion before they are ready for fasting. Happily, the distinguishing festivities and excesses of Mardi Gras, however, wild and fantastic, are in themselves innocent, and not unadapted to afford a wholesome preparation, mental and physical, for tranquil submission into the sobrieties and observances of Lent.

POLITICAL.—Mr. Christian Roselius publishes a card in which he states that the announcement of his name as a candidate for Governor was made in opposition to his unalterable determination not to be a candidate for that high office or any other. This leaves a vacancy at the head of the Conservative Union State ticket.

Two Days Later from the North,
VIA THE RIVER.

By the arrival of the steamer Luminary from Cairo we have, through St. Louis and Memphis papers, two days' later dates from the North.

Important from Washington.

PRESIDENT LINCOLN'S CALL FOR A DRAFT OF 500,000 MEN ON THE 10TH OF MARCH—PRIOR ENLISTMENTS AND ENROLLMENTS TO BE DEDUCTED.

Washington, February 1.—It is ordered that a draft of five hundred thousand men, to serve for three years or during the war, be made on the 10th of March next, for the military service of the United States—crediting and deducting therefrom so many as may have been enlisted or drafted into the service prior to the 1st day of March, and not heretofore credited.

(Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Washington, January 31.—It will be understood that the October call for 300,000 men was made. This number has been about half filled by volunteering and re-enlistments.

The call now made for 500,000 is interpreted by gentlemen acquainted with military affairs to include the above 300,000, being in effect an additional call for 200,000 men. The volunteers are supposed to furnish at present appearance of 2000 per day.

The order of the President makes a credit or deduction of so many as may have enlisted or been drafted prior to the 1st of March as within the 5,000 provision expires.

When these arrangements are completed the total in the army will be a half million men.

New York, February 1.—A special to the *Post*, Washington, 1st inst., says: The last call for troops was rendered necessary by recent advices from the South.

The French Tobacco Question.—Decision Regarding Prizes Abandoned.

Washington, January 31.—Some surprise is manifested here at the course of the British journals in denouncing contrary shown by the United States in the exportation of tobacco. The question was made at the request of the French Government, supported by the earnest request of the British Government.

Honorable Wm. Whiting, solicitor of the War Department, has decided that aliens who are subjects of a foreign Government, having voluntarily enlisted in the service of the United States for twelve months or for the war, are not entitled to be discharged on that account, by reason of alienage, but may, under the law of nations, be held to perform their engagements without giving the Government to which their allegiance is due just cause of complaint.

General News.

Washington, January 29.—Mr. Kasson's opposition in the House to-day, protesting against the appointment of Mr. Hamlin, is based on information, in debate will informed to foreign affairs, with one or two exceptions in Secretary Seward's carefully published correspondence which are construed as indicating a willingness to secure France in an ally by acquiescing in its Mexican policy, and with Count Mercier's visit to Paris, which, there seems to have been a systematic effort to conceal.

The conviction in the Treasury Department is understood to be, that the issue of five per cent. Treasury notes will not perceptibly inflate the currency, and with this belief they will continue to be issued.

No permanent action was made in the Senate on the question of the whisky tax. Sentiment seems unanimous, and the certain purpose is heavy.

The Navy Department has advices that one of our gunboats, entering in the Japanese and Corea seas in pursuit of the Alabama, was recently chased from port, and that the Alabama shortly passed within twenty-five miles.

The Yankees on the Island of Ometa showed such hostility and spirits of war. The British, in the same region, followed their usual line of conduct, and left the impression of having sympathy with the Alabama.

What We Lose in Western Virginia.

Fortresses Evacuated by the Federal Garrisons and Occupied by the Rebel Troops—Abundance of Supplies Obtained.

Wheeling, Va., January 31.—Shackelford returned at the War Department from General Kelley's command, done on the 29th, between a part of Kelly's and Early's commands.

From Huntsville.

Huntsville, Ala., January 31.—I have just arrived here from Chattanooga. Before leaving General Palmer had returned from a reconnoissance to Ringgold and Dalton. The main force of the enemy had undoubtedly left. General Palmer thinks they have gone toward Longstreet, with the purpose of invading Kentucky.

Since arriving here, I have obtained information which satisfies me that Hardee has reinforced Mobile.

Headquarters, Dep't of Western Virginia, Jan. 30, 1864.

This morning a reconnoitering force that had been sent out from Col. Campbell's command, returned, after having gone to Romney. Here they divided into three columns, one going out on the Winchester road 30 miles, the other down the Grassy Lick road to the vicinity of Wardensville, and the third on the old Moorefield road.

None of the columns met with serious opposition on their advance. The information which they brought proves to be of high importance, and tells of mysterious movements, preparations and preparations within the rebel lines. We took Capt. D. T. Linden, of Company A, Forty-seventh Georgia, prisoner. This rebel officer says some five or six Georgia and Alabama regiments have been divided into small squads and stationed at different points in the valleys and mountains, to prevent desertions.

The Siege of Charleston.

FIRING BY THE CITY CONTINUED—OBSTRUCTIONS IN THE CHANNEL REMAINING.

Fort Monroe, Jan. 30.—The Richmond *Enquirer* of the 29th contains the following:

Charleston, Jan. 28.—Five shells were fired at the city last night. Five shots were also fired from Sumter, all of which struck. The enemy is still at work on the batteries at Cummings' Point and hauling ammunition to Gregg and Cummings' Point batteries. There was no change in the position of the fleet on the 26th inst. On the 24th, several shots were fired at the city, and three Monitors anchored inside, between the Cummings' Point battery and Sumter. There was considerable activity among the fleet on the 24th. One shot per hour was fired on the city and seven on Sumter. One hundred and three 15in shells were fired on the city on the 21st.

Washington, Jan. 30.—From information recently received by the Navy Department, it appears that the very few of the obstructions at Charleston have been washed away. About three hundred feet of the obstructions floated down at one time, and all that has drifted toward the fleet was rafts built by the rebels for the purpose of capturing our vessels.

The Silvers.

The St. Louis *Democrat* of the 1st instant says:

The river here is rising, partly caused by heavy rains which have fallen—some on Saturday, and the rest on Sunday and Monday nights and yesterday. In forty-eight hours the rise amounts to over one foot.

Water is a little, too, still flooding. The river is open to Alton. To Cairo there is six feet of water; in a few days there will be as much to Hannibal, in the Illinois, and in the Missouri.—There is a fine stage of water in the Ohio from Cairo to Pittsburg.

Gold and Cotton.

Reports to the evening of the 1st inst. from New York quote gold at 157½, and cotton steady at 82 to 82½.

Late Southern News via Mobile.

An extra *Picayune* has given expectants from Mobile papers to the 6th inst. We appropriate the following:

Important from Mississippi.

Jackson, Jan. 29.—The enemy are in force along the Big Black. Sherman is reported there in force.

A field of four regiments passed up the Yazoo to Meehanicsburg, where they were met by the Second Texas, and fell back.

Big Black is pontooned, all the river posts are heavily reinforced, and everything indicates the immediate opening of the campaign on this line, in each force as precludes the idea of a raid.

Corinth, Miss., Jan. 27, via Okolona, Jan. 29.—The Twelfth Mississippi Regiment, commanded by Col. W. M. Inge, entered Corinth as marine this morning, capturing a quantity of wine, etc. The Federals left as they entered.

From East Tennessee.

Abingdon, Va., Feb. 1.—Our cavalry occupy Sevierville, the enemy having retired to Marysville. [Sevierville is twenty-two miles E. S. E. and Maryville fourteen miles W. S. W. of Knoxville]. Our loss in the engagement of the 27th ult. was not so great as at first reported, being only 125.

The weather continues very pleasant.

Morristown, Feb. 2.—There is a perfect dearth of news here. The situation is unchanged.

Dalton, Feb. 2.—Official information was received here to-day that 6000 of Sherman's corps, chiefly infantry, with some cavalry and artillery, crossed the Tennessee river at Decatur and 30th, at Larkin's Landing, midway between Gunterville and Bellefonte. Their presumed object is to establish a depot of supplies for future operations.

From Virginia.

Orange Courthouse, February 1.—The enemy's cavalry, guided by a man named Robinson, crossed the Rapidan river early Sunday morning, capturing some of our pickets. After visiting Madison Courthouse and capturing the sentinels of the mail at that place, they crossed to Culpepper county.

The enemy have been scouting during the past week and changing camps.

General Breckinridge arrived here to-day, and is a guest of Gen. Lee.

Orange Courthouse, February 2.—A report was received here this evening, from several sources, stating that General Early has sojourned a force of Federals at Petersburg, Hardy county, Va., estimated at 600.

From Charleston.

Charleston, February 2.—The enemy have discontinued their fire over Sumter. One hundred and thirty-six shots have been fired at the city since the last report up to 5 o'clock this evening.

The steamer Presto, Captain Horsey, from Nassau 29th, in attempting to run in about 2 o'clock this morning, got ashore off Sullivan's Island, and remained immovable. Most of the cargo, which was on Government account, has been saved in good condition. The enemy opened a heavy fire on the steamer at daylight and continued it all day. It is believed she will be a total wreck.

Interesting from Texas.

Houston, January 17, via Jefferson, January 29.—We have accounts of another novel Indian raid in Cook county, in which 12 or 15 people were killed.

Fifteen millions of dollars of Confederate money that had run the blockade from some Eastern port to Havana, had safely reached Monterey, Mexico, en route to the Trans-Mississippi Department.

A company of men under Capt. Reagly attempted last week to cross from the main land to the peninsula at Corpus Christi; they were caught in the middle of the bay by a storm, their boats swamped, and were obliged to swim ashore. Three of the men perished in the attempt, their dead bodies being subsequently washed up by the waves. They were frozen to death.

No engagement, scarcely even a skirmish, has yet occurred on our coast, since the fall of Port Esperanza.

Since the 1st inst. we have experienced the coldest weather in Texas for many years. The thermometer on the 1st sank to 10 Fahr.

It is believed that nearly all the stubble in the sugar cane has been frozen out.

The health and spirits of our troops are good. The organization of the army is thorough; veterans are in command of every brigade. Many of the regiments, are from 800 to 1100 strong.

The arrival of Judge Upton from Richmond is announced in the Houston papers. He brought over a large amount of Confederate bonds.

About four hundred prisoners of war have been exchanged at Vercellaiville, La.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

[From our Sunrise Edition of Yesterday.]

Death of Judge M. M. Reynolds.—The death of this old and esteemed citizen occurred at his residence in this city on Saturday last.—He was buried with a solemn and imposing ceremony by the Fire Departments, of which he had long been an honored member. The deceased was a native of New Orleans, and successively held the positions of District Attorney and of Judge of the Fourth District Court. In office he was regular and upright; in private life, social, courteous, gentle, warm-hearted.—No feigned or transient regret follows him to the grave.

Lost at Sea.—M. J. B. Leonard, the business agent of the house of A. T. Stewart & Co., New York city, was lost from the steamship Australasian on the 20th of January. Having gone to the quarter deck, he was thrown by a heavy lurch of the ship against the sail, and thence fell headlong into the sea. A boat was launched for his rescue, but it was swamped in the heavy sea, and the crew saved by ropes thrown to them from on board.

From the Rebellious States.

[From New York papers, 30th Jan.]

Richmond papers of the 28th have come to hand. A telegram from Charleston, dated 25th, says:

Twenty-four shots have been fired at the city within the last twenty-four hours. The fleet remains quiet.

The Richmond *Whig* has a synopsis of the Secretary of the Confederate States Treasury report in response to a resolution of the Senate. The funded debt is $297,871,000, call certificates, $99,000,000; interest-bearing Treasury notes, $161,000,000; non-interest bearing Treasury notes, $720,000,000—since the number of Treasury notes on hand, $297,000,000.

Governor Smith, of Virginia, recommends the immediate passage of a bill by the Legislature, calling out the remaining militia force of the State, to operate in the State, subject to the Governor's control but not to perform active service over thirty days at a time.

The dissatisfaction in Lee's army, in consequence of the reported reduction in their rations, appears to be very general. The Richmond *Whig* says:

It appears from dispatches read in the rebel Congress that several brigades have re-enlisted for the war, and strenuous efforts are being made to invite a general agreement to the same effect.

Great complaints are made by the rebel soldiers against the mail regulations. Letters sometimes take days to go fifteen hundred miles.

At Richmond, on Wednesday, corn meal was selling at $22 to $25 per bushel, butter $6 per lb., lard $5 75, and pork $5 75 per lb.

Blockade Running Re-Instituting.

In the Confederate Senate, January 23d, Mr. Miles introduced the following:

Resolved, That the thanks of Congress are tendered to Gen. Lee and Gen. Longstreet and troops in service who have taken the patriotic and gallant resolution to re-enlist for the war.

Resolved, That the administration of such a spirit in our armies is a happy omen of the ultimate triumph of our struggle for independence—indicative as it is of the fixed determination of our people never to lay down their arms while our soil is exposed to the hostile tread and barbarous ravages of our malignant enemies. The resolutions were taken up and unanimously passed.

Departure of Morgan for Decatur, Alabama.

[From the Richmond *Examiner*, Jan. 25.]

We understand that General Morgan will leave Richmond on Wednesday or Thursday next, for Decatur, Alabama, where his command is assembling.

Resolution.

[From the Richmond *Enquirer*, Jan. 25.]

The following is a copy of the letter sent to General Wilde by the colonel commanding the forces on the Blackwater, relative to the late retaliation adopted by our military authorities in Eastern North Carolina:

Headquarters Forces of Blackwater, { Franklin, Va., January 23, 1864.

General Wilde, commanding Colored Brigade, Norfolk, Virginia:

Sir: Probably on expedition, during the progress of this war, men have been met with more disregard for the long established usages of civilization or the dictates of humanity, than the cold blooded raid into the country bordering the Albemarle. That step, though short, was marked by crimes and enormities. You burned homes of non-combatants, defenseless women and children, carried off private property of every description, arrested non combatants and carried off ladies in front of whom you confined with negroes in your train. You fired on Confederates after they had surrendered, and they were only saved by the exertions of the more humane portion of your party. You have not been, under the pretext that he was a guerilla, you hanged Daniel Bright, a private of Company A, 8th Regiment Georgia regular (cavalry) forcing the ladies and gentlemen, whom you held in arrest to witness the execution. Therefore, I have obtained an order from the general commanding this department, to hang, in retaliation, a private of Company B, Fifth Ohio, whom I have in retaliation. I hold two more of your soldiers as hostages for the safety of Bright and Mrs. Mandin. When these ladies are released these men will be relieved, and treated as prisoners of war. Colonel Jos. R. Griffin.

Mobile Mercantile Association.

[From the Savannah Republican, January 3.]

The telegraph yesterday brought intelligence of the shooting down in cold blood of a member of the Mobile Mercantile Association in Tuscaloosa, for no other reason than the poor fellow had captured a clothing wagon and were severing their nakedness with its contents. If such outrages as this occur, when we might as well have no government at all, for it will have failed to protect its law soldiers who are fighting its battles. As many as fall under this inhuman order should be forthwith taken from the Richmond prisons, and, without a word of threat or boast, made to pay the penalty and hold the rebel ranks not. Will it be done?

Operations on the Peninsula.

[From the Richmond *Whig*, Jan. 21.]

A party of Yankees early made a dash upon our pickets near New Kent Courthouse, and the news reached us on Tuesday morning. Our pickets were driven in, and gave the enemy a few shots. After which the latter immediately retreated. They were probably on a reconnoitering expedition. It was reported that a body of Yankees was at the White House on Wednesday, to cross over the Pamunkey River to Eltham's, and thence back to Richmond, and did not go up the terminus as usual.

Effect of the New Confiscation Act upon Northern Creditors.

The New York *Express* of the 30th ultimo has the following letter from James Brooks, one of the members of Congress from New York:

Washington, January 29.

To the editors of the *Express*:

A very sweeping Confiscation act is likely to pass the House of Representatives, and of such character that it will be a treason, when the Union is restored, to confiscate all the property of the South, and all the means doubtless in this country of paying their debts due to the North. These debts of Southern merchants, traders and others, to New York city alone, I suppose to have been millions upon millions before the rebellion broke out. To bring the subject to the attention of their creditors through the Board of Trade, or Chamber of Commerce, or other bodies, I think, is the means best calculated of addressing them through the Express. If, in New York they think they can save them through this confiscation act, in the event of its becoming law,

J. B.

Senatorial Election in Kentucky.—A Louisville dispatch of the 29th ult., says:

Louisville, Ky., Friday, January 29th.—The last ballot in the Kentucky Legislature for United States Senator was as follows: Breckinridge 53; Guthrie, 52; Bell, 26.

A letter from a prominent gentleman stated that Governor Bramlette will be elected to-morrow.

Another dispatch of the same date reports:

The *Journal* is advised that the Kentucky Legislature elected Governor Bramlette United States Senator to-day.

United States Congress.

The Senate was not in session on the 29th ult., having adjourned over till Monday.

In the House of Representatives, a bill taxing all transactions in gold two per centum was introduced and referred to the Ways and Means Committee. A resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to inquire into the necessity of providing for dissolving the national bank associations under the national currency act, in event of the non-fulfillment of liabilities, was adopted. A bill providing for unrestricted trade in all territory within the Union lines was introduced and referred to the Ways and Means Committee. The bill making appropriation for the Executive, Judicial and Legislative departments of the Government was reported. A joint resolution declaring against the French occupation and designs in Mexico was referred to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

The resolution of the Committee on Elections declaring Mr. A. P. Field not entitled to a seat as Representative from Louisiana was taken up, discussed at some length, and laid aside till Tuesday next.

The French Interference in Mexico.

Mr. Kasson of Iowa, (Union,) introduced the following joint resolutions, which were referred to the Committee of Foreign Relations:

Resolved, The Senate concurring, that Congress has received with profound sensibility the information of the purpose entertained by certain European Powers to subvert the free institutions of the neighboring Republic of Mexico, under the influence and menace of belligerent force; a monarchical system of Government practically unknown to the people of North America and allied to their principles, customs and manners; and be it further

Resolved, That Congress regards this proposition with the deepest regret, and expresses its conviction that such an enterprise will be universally regarded in America as a menace to the dignity and permanence of popular governments; that it will only result in adding a new element to that which have rendered the prosperity of that Republic, and will provoke complications perilous to the tranquility of this continent.

New York Journals on the Situation in Tennessee.

The *Times* of the 30th ult., says:

There are troops enough at Knoxville to repel the invasion, in case Longstreet, as seems probable by his former attempt, was baffled, and brought to naught by General Burnside. But the rebel force, although of the two forces, has, we fear, been serious, changed to four dangerous ones. Longstreet has been heavily reinforced, both from the army of Joe Johnston and from the army of Lee, and he must now have a force of nearly fifty thousand men, while our own army has not, so far as we are aware, been substantially augmented. We trust Gen. Foster has enough to hold his own, although it is not very comforting to be told that he is "pretty well fixed." If Longstreet is really storming the purpose here supposed, it is too late to get reinforcements from Gen. Grant.

If any serious disaster shall befall the Union forces in East Tennessee, it will be difficult for the country to appreciate the merits of the military policy that has permitted Longstreet to remain so long in that region, and there strengthen and prepare himself for a new attack. No attempt has been made to deal a distinct blow at this isolated rebel column, or occupying a position military unassailable by any serious assault. His railroad communication with Virginia were indeed cut by Averill, but these have been, we understand, restored, and received supplies and re-enforcements from that State. Longstreet, according to all military principles, should have stayed where he was.

The *Herald* says in the *Journal of Commerce* of the 30th January:

We heard a few days ago that Longstreet had been reinforced and that Knoxville was threatened. Some days ago we gave it as our opinion that the people know the truth, and accordingly we had, in a few hours, a dispatch from Nashville announcing all that was wanting as to the statement about Knoxville was wholly unfounded; that they were in quiet winter quarters there, and nothing important going on. This despatch must have been manufactured in Knoxville, and ordered by some Government official. No other explanation seems tenable. How much another story, after a few days, during which the alarm has subsided, and it appears, if this is true, that Knoxville may well be considered safe. In fact, in the case—and Eastern Tennessee is in a most critical condition it is by no means impossible that Johnston, perceiving that Grant could not possibly advance upon him, has slipped up towards Knoxville, joined Longstreet, and is threatening us with great injury there. The enemy will spare no effort to recover that region of country. The Federal occupation of Knoxville is a constant menace of the large salt and nitre beds on which the Confederate arms are dependent for supplies vital to their existence; and the important works at Atlanta for the manufacture of ordnance and munitions are in a position of peril which would become imminent whenever the advance of the Union forces takes place.

The *Tribune* argues as follows:

It has been insinuated that Johnston retreated because he had not been heavy re-enforcement to Longstreet, and that theory may seem to be confirmed by the news of this morning. We do not believe it. General Grant has held the valley by corps of organization at different points, and his lines, since the battle of Chattanooga have stretched from that place to Knoxville. It is impossible that he could have allowed any considerable force to march past him undiscovered. It seems almost equally impossible that Johnston could have moved in force, even with the railroads at command, over such roads as those of East Tennessee in winter.

Longstreet, however, may have been re-inforced from a very different quarter, and the statement that several rebel prisoners just taken were from Richmond, is probably correct. It is all the more likely to be because some pains have been taken in disloyal journals to create the impression that Lee's army is intact in Virginia.

It matters very little where shoes to fight in the middle of Winter with an army whose physical strength and whose *morale* are seriously impaired by starvation and by extreme privations—an army which marches barefooted in the snow, and which he has to send into action in January to keep it from deserting under the Amnesty proclamation. An advance at the moment, though made in force and supported by all the strength that Lee dare spare, is not a military movement; it is an object of desperation.

The *World* remarks:

That the Administration is seriously alarmed by the speed of affairs in East Tennessee is shown by the statement, which has been allowed not to be made public through a Boston paper, that the Sixth Army Corps, from the Army of the Potomac, under General Sedgwick, has been sent post haste to Knoxville. The recent withdrawal of the troops from Dalton, if, indeed, that story is true, will account for the re-inforcements which have been spoken of as having reached Longstreet's army. The commander at Chattanooga seems to have been thoroughly deceived by the movement of the rebels in his front, and was by mere accident that the retreat of Johnston's army was discovered. The general movement of Forrest upon Columbia would now appear to be a feint to distract the attention of Federal commanders and employ their cavalry at a point where they could not be of any use to resist the advance of a large rebel cavalry force into Eastern Kentucky.

The rebels have chosen a good time for their purpose to strike an early blow at the Union army. A great majority of the Western regiments are now on furlough, and the process of reorganization with the new recruits is rapidly going on. Even when in a good condition to resist the impetuous onset of a well disciplined force. Gen. Foster, also, is now living hard in Knoxville, and his military ability will not be available to defend that city.

While there is room for fear, however, we still have a well grounded hope that the possibility of a campaign of the kind has been foreseen and guarded against by Gen. Grant. The sending of another army corps from Virginia looks, however, as if matters in Eastern Tennessee were a very serious aspect in the eyes of our military authorities.

From Arkansas and Texas via Fort Smith.

[Special dispatch to the Missouri Democrat.]

Fort Smith, January 20.—The District of the Frontier, Brigadier General Blunt commanding, has been merged in the new Department of Arkansas, General Thayer has, by order of General Schofield, been assigned here and will arrive to-morrow.

Thirty-eight Seminoles lately deserted from Brigadier Gen. Cooley, and arrived at Waldron yesterday, where they surrendered themselves as prisoners of war to our forces. Their interpreter represents Hagerdorn as concentrating his forces on the border of Louisiana, preparatory to an expected attack from Banks.

Over 40,000 negroes have been corralled at Boston, and vicinity, Dallon, and other towns in the interior of Texas, hundreds of whom are dying from disease, starvation and exposure.

Lt. V. Beauregard, an officer of Quantril's command, was brought to-day by Provost Marshal Gen. Judge Bassett, a prisoner. He is originally from Baton county, Missouri. He was a Lieutenant in the Confederate army, and joined Quantril just before the Baxter's spring massacre. He is only twenty-two years old. He says he emptied two revolvers at old Blunt.

There was an exciting rumor in town to-day, that Waldron had been attacked by Price's forces, and captured. It this is true, is in doubtless the advance of the rebel column, which has so long threatened an attack on Little Rock. Waldron is seventy miles south.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

SEE OFFICE.
Monday Evening, Feb. 8, 1864.

The Money market has continued quiet, with but little variation in rates. The movement in our leading staple was resumed on a moderate scale, but the prices paid were too irregular to justify regular quotations. Sugar and Molasses were quiet, but steady, and Western produce inactive, under the resumption of navigation on the upper rivers.

At the annual election for Directors of the Louisiana State Bank, the following Board was chosen without opposition, viz: Messrs. J. M. Lapeyre, W. H. Avery, Alex. Brother, Ant Caraire, S. H. Kennedy, R. Soniat, Jules A. Sisne, E. Pons, and Fabre Geyer. Messrs. Avery and Pons are the only new members. They were both formerly a the Directory.

Domestic Exchange was rather easier. The banks continued to check on New York at par, and dealers at par to ¼ ₱ cent. discount, but there was very little operation demand, although there is to be a call for the North to-morrow. Western bank checks on New York were offered at ¼ ₱ cent. discount without finding a buyer. Sight was sold to a limited extent at 4 @ ¼ discount, one day's sight at ¼, and five days' at 1¼. Sterling transferred in time bills. The Banks continued to sell 177¾@180 for Sterling, and 178@5 15 for French, but nothing was done in either at the moment. In our last report we noticed sales of private sterling at 175. We now learn that they included one bill of £ 3,000 at these figures.

The Specie market was not very active, but rates were pretty well maintained. We noticed sales of Gold, in round sums, at 60¾ and 61¼ ₱ cent. premium, and, in smaller amounts, as low as 60, and as high as 60 and 60¼. The dealers continued to pay 61 for the small sums offered at their counter and to sell at 60¾. Nothing or any moment was done in Silver, for which dealers pay 56 and ask 58 premium. Mexican dollars commanded the full rates of Gold, but we heard of no sales.

Uncurrent Bank notes were quiet, without any quotable change in rates. We noticed sales of Citizens' Bank notes at 1¼@5 ₱ cent. premium. Canal Bank notes remain by bank Citizens' and Canal, but the latter can hardly be bought under 5. There was some demand at a premium for round sums of notes of other city banks, which were scarce, but the rates paid were not to be had, excepting in small amounts, which were paid at par. Legal Tender notes alternate freely at par with gold coin and bullion.

In Stocks we mentioned sales of 27 shares City Railroad at the advanced rate of 113 ₱, and board of 30 shares Crescent City Bank sold at about 21 50. Holders ask 170@175 for Gas Light, 45 for City Bonds, Railroad issue, and 97 for Consolidated Insurance Scrip is wanted at 95@96. ₱ dollar, according to the date and company.

COMMERCIAL.

Office of the Bee,
Monday Evening, February 8, 1864.

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