THE DAILY BEE.
PUBLISHED BY
C. E. WYMAN & CO.
EDITORS.
NEW ORLEANS.
THURSDAY MORNING, FEB. 6, 1862.

SUBSCRIPTIONS BY THE WEEK

The editors of the Bee are authorized to receive subscriptions, to our paper at the rate of 25 cents a week, payable in all cases in the carrier who delivers it.

Southern Items This Week.

By Richmond & Tuesday, at 11 o'clock, at Mercier's sale, furniture.

By H. Bonsaque, Jr., at 10 o'clock, at No. 106 Royal st., household furniture, wine, glassware, &c.

By J. Fernandez, at 10 o'clock, at the corner St. Louis and Chartres streets, cows, fine carriage, buggies, &c.

By M. Hennessy, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, property in the Third and Fourth Districts.

By H. Wood, at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, valuable inferior stores on Old and New Levees.

See advertisements of Sunday furniture of their large sales of furniture at auction this day, at Lockwood, Richardson & Co.

THE SITUATION.

General McClellan remains absolutely dead to the silence for all advances which people will allow. He is the head and tail of every rumor, although that he should communicate anything from a fortress of movements, if one-half be true of what is alleged respecting that indescribable character of the force under his command. Indefinitely after the battle of Manassas rule dispositions for the Northern army began to pour into Washington, and in the scurry of a day or two, according to Southern authority, the army numbered more than it had been prior to McClellan's distribution. For several months the Federalists continued to receive reinforcements, according until it became a common joke that the grand army of the Potomac numbered forty. 250,000 men, perfectly armed and equipped. It is true that these were required to keep the peace of Baltimore, a host, but McClellan's army in five months to have been reduced to five months at most. If much of his troops can now venture, as we are solemnly all of them, and they have the advantage of having provided with the latest improvements in deadly weapons, while the soldiers of the Confederacy must needs content themselves with whatever arms they can obtain. And nevertheless McClellan does not budge an inch. A large proportion of his vast force is employed within the fortifications which encircle Washington, and which he has erected around Washington. The remainder are engaged in no other serious exploits than an occasional raid into the neighboring county. Two engagements only of every colossal proportions—engagements which have taken place since Gen. McClellan assumed the command of the grand army of the Potomac. We allude of course to Leesburg and Thomasville.

The last intelligence is to the effect that there will be no advance for ninety days: and this is nearly equivalent to that the fighting on the Potomac is nearly over for the winter. It is a fact undoubtedly that the roads in Virginia, from which will be obtained forage and supplies of war as they may be required, are now generally wonder at the impatience of the Northern, or at the subdued spirit with which submit to the spectacle of a large army quartered within the neighborhood of the Federal capital, a source of enormous expense to the Government, calling out for very small, and accomplishing little or nothing. When the question is asked why McClellan does not move, the answer is he is not yet ready, although that same response has been made to the most importunate for the last three months. If not ready now will he ever be ready? If the Napoleon of the West has not yet made Northern army what those members of Congress and others who have visited it declare, how many more months must elapse before he will be ready? Five months of time he has had to the utmost degree, and yet he is not prepared for assault. Four-fifths of them he has in the training grounds, saying little for the object of the quarrel, and not particularly interested by any powerful enthusiasm of hatred to the South. They have enlisted because the employment in the North left them hardly an alternative between the life of a soldier and that of poverty and starvation. Some men solely for a quarter. They only understand that enough the more they receive of military service, the less they have to do at home for their families, and to permit of their return to their homes, and to permit of their return to their homes, and to permit of their return to their homes