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Sales at Auction To-Day.

SALE CONTINUED.—The Sheriff will resume to-day the sale of the contents and fixtures of dry goods store corner of Royal and St. Ann streets, Second District. Sale to begin at 10½ o'clock, A. M.

The Sheriff will sell at auction, this day, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., on the premises, the balance unsold of the contents of a hat store situated at the corner of St. Charles and Common streets, First District.

By G. Lesaumont, Bleche & Co., at 10 o'clock, at No. 60 Chartres street, boots, shoes and dry goods; also, boots, shoes and brogans.

LINCOLN'S POSITION.

The oracular utterances of the gentleman who is on his way to Washington to be inaugurated President of the United States, have proved as deficient in perspicuity as to puzzle and perplex people not much given to the labor of elucidating the obscurities of language. Mr. ABRAM of LINCOLN has undertaken, during the circuitous route chosen for his journey to the Federal City, to make brief popular harangues at prominent places along his itinerary. He started at Indianapolis, and will probably close at Washington. His speeches vary consider ably in character. When he was addressing the Black Republicans of Indiana, Mr. LINCOLN let fall significant hints respecting the probability of coercion. At Cincinnati he overlooked the Ohio river, and embraced within the scope of his vision the opposite shore of Kentucky. This reminded him of the expediency of moderation and his words were politic and his tone subdued. After a while he reached Pittsburg, and then he thought it perfectly safe to tickle the rapacity of the Pennsylvanians by unstinted panegyrics on a protective tariff. Thus his remarks have assumed somewhat of the hue and local coloring of the people amongst whom he was sojourning when he uttered them. He seems disposed to play the part of a wily politician and to adapt himself willingly to the predominant tastes of his audiences.

There are circumstances, however, which tend to show that Mr. LINCOLN spoke his real sentiments when he addressed the people at Indianapolis. This was the first of his speeches, and was delivered in presence of a multitude which was known to sympathize most warmly with his anti-slavery views. Besides, it is stated upon the strong authority of the New York *Tribune*, that the speech was carefully prepared in Springfield, and brought to Indianapolis in manuscript. Our readers will bear in mind the peculiar character of that discourse. It dealt with the great question of the day in a singularly hypothetical and interrogative style. Without venturing clearly and boldly to announce his purposes and policy, Mr. LINCOLN propounded queries to his audience touching the vast distinctions between coercion by invasion, the enforcement of the revenue laws, and the recovery or retention of United States property. In this speech the doctrine of the radical wing of the Black Republicans was dimly shadowed forth. Either it is vague, weak, meaningless and stupid, or its author sought to create the impression that when he should assume the reins of the Government, he would pursue the course recommended and urged by his ultra partisans. His language reverys this construction from the public journals of the North which are most familiar with his principles and intentions. It matters little that the speech is loose, inelegant and destitute of the slightest grace of oratory. Its meaning is what we seek, and we think his organs interpret it correctly.

If, then, we are to accept ABRAHAM LINCOLN'S Indianapolis address as foreshadowing the employment of force against the States of the Southern Confederacy, it may be asked whether civil war must henceforth be considered inevitable? We should hesitate before giving an affirmative reply. There are many serious obstacles to the fulfillment of Mr. LINCOLN'S belligerent aspirations. He and his faction are extremely anxious to hunt the secession movement to those States which have already withdrawn. They know that the border States—even the most submissive—have plainly intimated their determination to resist all coercive measures. They have no desire whatever to drive Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Arkansas, Missouri, Maryland and Kentucky out of the Union, for they hope by the agency of these States to reconstruct the Union, or to strengthen a Northern Confederacy. Considerations of expediency will therefore be apt to render Mr. LINCOLN and his myrmidons chary of overt attempts to subdue the South.

Again, there is manifestly and undeniably a growing schism in the Black Republican party. One half are in favor of violent measures; the other half are opposed to them. We have seen the evidences of these dissensions in the diametrically different remedies for the crisis proposed by various organs of the party. Concession, compromise and even peaceful separation have their advocates, while the Chicago platform and war against the South are the Shibboleth of the extremists. Mr. SEWARD leads the moderate wing; Senator CHASE, it is said, represents the ultra ic. Mr. LINCOLN can hardly proceed to extremities without shattering his party to fragments. Indeed the process of dismemberment has already begun, and the organs on either side are lavish of mutual recrimination and abuse.

Finally, war is the most costly of all amusements, and we fancy Mr. LINCOLN can hardly hope to prosecute it vigorously with a collapsed treasury and an exhausted credit. It is not impossible, too, that the mass of those who are in a position to lend the Government money, are either friendly to the South, or invincibly hostile to coercion. Capitalists clink instinctively to peace, and draw together their purse strings the moment the horizon becomes darkened with a war cloud. It is easy to talk of marshaling armies and equipping fleets, but these pleasant pastimes require the disbursement of millions. How will the future President obtain the wherewithal? This consideration may and probably will throw cold water on his fit of heroism.

ARRIVAL OF THE HAVANA.

The steamship Habana, Capt. J B McConnell, left New Orleans on the 8th instant at 8 o'clock, A M, crossed the bar at 4 P. M. same day; encountered heavy weather out; arrived at Havana on the 14th at noon; sailed for this port on the 16th at 4 P M, with a strong north wester blowing, which continued until the 18th at 3 P. M., when the wind died away and changed to the southeast. During the blow the ship behaved admirably, arrived at her wharf at 6 P M last evening.

The schooner Virginia Antoinette, Capt. Sibian, left Havana February 21st for this port.

The following is a list of the passengers by the Habana:

Miss Gertrude Seta, Dr Benadon, Amelia Chicano, Semple, Rose Wilson, M Fazon, Dean Crowell, J Bell, J Leichsenring, J H Harper, J Fuentes, Hermann M Hoek, Jane, M A Hoek, Hermann, Harman M Hoek, Jane, M A Hoek, Hermann, John Mackenzie, T C Underhill, Oleg J Ribich, James Dunbar, Juan Wilson, Louis Arend, Edwin James, A Worrell, Thos Rich, Joseph Smith, Express Devlin, Jas Calder, James Ricker, Mr McCarty, John Moore, B Wales, J Gautier.

—NEW ORLEANS PAS is the title of a charming melody composed by Mr. G. Carto, and dedicated to Mrs. E. E. Magner. It is for sale at the principal music stores of our city.

—VANNUCHI'S MUSEUM.—Among the numerous objects of attraction at Signor Vannuchi's Temple of Art, the Scotch giantess, Fannie Wallace, is certainly one of the most remarkable. Think of a mountain of flesh weighing 675 pounds! a female Daniel Lambert!

—ARRIVAL OF THE D S. WILLIAMS.—We are favored by Messrs E R Poole & Co., her agents, with a telegraphic dispatch received by them yesterday from Pass a Loutre, announcing the arrival of the schooner D S Williams, from Charleston, with the largest cargo of rice ever shipped from that port in any one vessel.

—FOWLER, THE DEFAULTER.—The New York correspondent of the Philadelphia *Press* denies the stories that ex Postmaster Fowler is in destitute circumstances. Friends of Mr. Fowler, who are in constant communication with him, state that he is in receipt of a handsome salary as agent of a large company near Mexico, and that independent of that, he has a respectable sum in cash—sufficient, at all events, to maintain himself in entire comfort for a twelve month at least, and that in case he should need more, it would be promptly and cheerfully sent to him. The parties by whom he is employed are greatly pleased with his management thus far, and he has their entire confidence. He writes home in good spirits, and is far from abandoning the hope of returning to New York and discharging every obligation against him.

A correspondent of the Charleston *Mercury*, writing from Washington of the Virginia election, says:

We beheld a strange spectacle this bright, soft, spring-like morning. The Conservatives and Secessionists met both flaring at their banner, at the same time—both rejoicing over the sad mission triumph in Virginia. The Cyprosonata hail it as the harbinger of an object surrender to Abolitionism. The Secessionists are delight ed as they believe grave delusions are thinking in effect, will be to practical compromise, and so eventually carry Virginia out. My guess is conviction is primarily unchanged. Just enough will be given to keep the border States hoping for something better to turn up. Softly, softly, only, the Secessionists will be advised. Their pressure will be steadily be felt. The victims of Abolition seduction, will flatter their undone, then embrace."

—HOSPITALITY AND DISEASE.—We invite particular attention to the circulars in our advertising columns issued by the officers of the regiment for information and directions to be addressed at No. 137 St. Ann street.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[TRANSMITTED TO THE NEW ORLEANS BEE.]

Two Days Later from Europe.

Arrival of the Steamship Jura—Opening of the British Parliament.

Sandy Hook, February 19.—The Cunard steamship Jura, Capt. Cook, from Liverpool at noon Tuesday, the 5th inst., passed this point this morning en route for New York.

The Royal mail steamship America has arrived out at Liverpool, from New York, with dates thence to the 23d ult.

Liverpool Markets.

Liverpool, February 5—The amount of Cotton sold in Liverpool the past two days reaches 15,000 bales, of which 4000 were on speculation and for export.

The market opened with an upward tendency at an advance, chiefly on the fine qualities, of 1-16 to 1-8d, but on receipt of the America's news, closed very dull at barely maintained quotations.

Liverpool, February 5—Messrs. Wakefield, Nash & Co. say Beef closed heavy. Pork dull. Bacon quiet. Lard quiet. Sugar steady. Coffee quiet.

Liverpool, February 5.—Breadstuffs advancing and all qualities partially higher.

Messrs Richardson, Spence & Co report that Flour was dull, but prices steady, and partially advanced 3d.

Indian Corn, they say, closed firm at an advance of 6d since Friday.

London Markets.

London, February 5.—Baring Brothers & Co. report Four quiet.

Wheat closed with an upward tendency at an advance, chiefly on the fine qualities.

Sugar firm.

London, February 5.—Consols for money and the account closed at 91⅞.

There is no change in the money market.

European Political Intelligence.

Both Houses of the British Parliament opened on the 5th. The Queen in her speech alludes to the American troubles, and expresses a fervent wish for an amicable adjustment.

The Emperor Napoleon's speech to the French Legislature is of a pacific character, and reiterates the policy of non intervention.

DOMESTIC INTELLIGENCE.

Later from Havana.

Pass a Loutre, February 19—The U. S. mail steamship Habana, Capt J. B McConnell, from Havana on the 16th inst., at 4 o'clock in the evening, crossed the bar at 7 this morning, and is now on her way up to the city.

The health of both the city and the harbor of Havana was excellent.

The Sugar market exhibits no new features, and prices are somewhat easier.

Exchange active. London 11¾ to 13, New York 3 to ½. New Orleans, short sight, 7¼ to 7½ premium.

Later from California.

Fort Kearney, February 19—The Overland Pony Express, with later dates from San Francisco, passed this point last evening.

At San Francisco on the 30th ult. more active. Custom Sugars was selling at 11½ per lb.

Resolutions of a Union nature were before the California Legislature, but most of the Breckinridge members sympathize with the Southern movement.

Proceedings of the Federal Congress.

Washington, February 19—The Committee on Militia say they reported a bill authorizing the President to accept the services of volunteers, because the regular force was inadequate to protect the forts and other property of the United States.

In the House the Colorado Territory bill was amended conformably to Nevada and Dacotah, and passed by a vote of 90 ayes to 42 nays.

In the Senate the amendment of the committee lessening the duty to four cents on tea, one and a half cents on coffee, was agreed to. Ayes 23, nays 19.

The amendment was agreed to, reducing the Government loan from twenty five to ten millions.

The Committee of Conference on the Legislative and Executive bill was agreed to.

The Committee on Post Offices and Post Roads reported, without amendment, the House bill discontinuing the mail service in the seceding States.

North Carolina Legislature.

Raleigh, February 19—Both branches of the North Carolina Legislature have agreed to adjourn on Monday.

The Peace Congress.

Washington, February 19—It is rumored in the Peace Congress that by Wednesday a plan of adjustment will probably be agreed upon.

There are also indications the majority report will be adopted. The proposition for a National Convention is however, gaining ground.

It is understood, therefore, that unless interests will invite to good will and kind offices on both parts.

If, however, passion or lust of dominion should fond the 4 P M of the day of the inauguration of these States, we must prepare to meet the emergency, and maintain, by the final arbitrament of the sword, the position which we have assumed among the nations of the earth.

We have entered upon a new career of independence, and must be inflexible in maintaining it, though pursued through years of conflict and misery with our late associates of the North ern States.

We have vainly endeavored to secure tranquility and obtain justice in the exercise of the rights which we were entitled, and as a necessity, not as a choice, we have resorted to the remedy of separation, and henceforth our energies must be directed to the conduct of our own affairs and the perpetuity of the Confederacy which we have formed.

If a just perception of mutual interests shall permit us peaceably to pursue our separate political career, my most earnest desire will have been fulfilled. But if this be denied us, and the integrity of our territories and rights are to be assailed, it will but remain for us, with firm resolve, to appeal to arms and to invoke the blessings of Providence on a just cause.

As a matter of course, all our commercial relations, and with a view to meet anticipated wants, it will be necessary to provide for the speedy and efficient organization of branches of the Executive Department, having special charge of foreign intercourse, finance, military affairs and postal service.

For the protection of the Confederate States may, under ordinary circumstances, rely mainly on their militia; but it is deemed advisable, in the present condition of affairs, that there should be a well organized military force, more numerous than would usually be required for a peace establishment.

It is also suggested that, by the proclamation of our harbors and opening the ports to such commerce as will seek them, a revenue may be derived sufficient for the support of the Government for the first year without the necessity of an immediate resort to direct taxation.

Should reason guide the action of the Government from which we have separated, a policy so detrimental to the civil interests of the Northern States included, could not be dictated by the strongest desire to inflict injury upon us.

But if the contrary should prove true, a terrible responsibility will rest upon it, and the sufferings of multitudes will bear testimony to the folly and wickedness of our aggressors.

In the meantime there will remain to us, besides the ordinary remedies before suggested, the well known resources for retaliation upon the commerce of our enemy.

My experience in public stations of a subordinate grade to this, which your kindness has conferred upon me, has taught me that care, and toil, and disappointment are the prices of official elevation.

You will see many errors to forgive, many deficiencies to tolerate; but you may count upon my zealous efforts to the full ability to the cause that is to me the highest and of most enduring affection.

Your generosity has bestowed upon me an undeserved distinction; one which I neither sought nor desired.

Upon the continuance of that sentiment, and upon your wisdom and patriotism, I rely to direct, and support me in the performance of the duties required at my hands.

We have changed our political relations, but not our system of government. The Constitution framed by our fathers is that of these Confederate States. In their expositions of it, and in the judicial constructions which it has received, we have a light which has revealed its true meaning.

Thus instructed as to the true meaning and just interpretation of that instrument, and ever remembering that all offices are trusts, delegated for the people, and that powers delegated are to be strictly construed, I will hope, by due diligence in the performance of my duties, though I may disappoint your expectations, yet to retain, with encouraging, something of the good will and confidence which welcome my entrance into office.

It is for you to the midst of perilous times, to look around upon a people, united in heart, where one purpose of high resolve animates and actuates the whole; where the sacrifices to be made are not weighed in the balance against honor, liberty and equality.

Obstacles may retard, but they cannot prevail with the progress of a movement sanctified by its justice and sustained by such a people.

Let us therefore invoke the God of our fathers to guide and protect us in our efforts to perpetuate principles which, by His blessing they were able to vindicate, establish and transmit to their posterity. With the continuance of His favor, ever gratefully acknowledged, we may hopefully look forward to success, to peace and to prosperity.

St. Louis, February 14, 1861—P. Dexter Tiffany, a lawyer and citizen of St. Louis for 15 years, committed suicide this afternoon, at the Planter's House, by cutting his throat with a razor. The right jugular vein was severed entirely. Blood was traced from the locking glass to his bed, in which he was found. He was worth over half a million dollars. His wife and six children are in Worcester, Mass.

The Revenue Laws.

The annexed important act was passed on Monday by the Southern Congress. It will be seen that with the exceptions provided for in the first section, all articles of foreign import on which under the United States tariff laws duties are now paid, will be subject to the same duties if brought into the Southern Confederacy after the 4th March. We need scarcely add that New York and Boston are just as much foreign ports as Liverpool or Havre:

SECTION 1. *Be it enacted, by the Congress of the Confederate States of America*, That the following articles shall be exempt from duty and admitted free into said States, to-wit: Hay cow, pork, beans, lard, beef, fish of all kinds, wheat, and flour of wheat, and flour of all other grains, Indian corn and meal, barley and barley flour, rye and rye flour, oats and oats meal, gunpowder and all the materials of which it is made, lead in all forms, arms of every description, and munitions and military accoutrements, percussion caps, and living animals of all kinds; also, all agricultural products in their natural state.

SECTION 2. *It is also enacted*, That all goods, wares and merchandize, imported from any of the late United States of America, not being now a member of the Confederate States, into the Confederate States of America, with the exception of specie and bullion, and the articles exempted from duty by the first section of this act, which may have been *bona fide* purchased heretofore, or within ten days after the passage of this act, shall be exempt and free from duty.

SECTION 3. *It is also enacted*, That the State of Texas be and is hereby exempted from the operation of the tariff laws, heretofore passed or adopted by this Congress.

(Signed) HOWELL COBB, President.

Passed on the 18th of February, 1861.

An English Ship Wrecked and Plundered.

Messrs. Brain & Son, of Bristol, England, have received from the captain a report of the loss of their ship Liverpool, on the morning of the 17th of December, about twenty miles to the northward of Azimor. After describing the striking of the ship on a reef of rocks, the captain says:

Myself and crew were all aft, anxiously waiting for daylight, which brought with it a heavy gale from the northwest, for which the first gleam of daylight hundreds of armed Arabs made their appearance on the beach, some on horseback and some on foot, and as soon as they came near the ship they dismounted, stripped and swam off with their swords. In a short time there were from eighty to one hundred men on board. Seeing so many we had no fad from years and a half old, taking him on the spot in presence of the boy's mother and little brothers. The jury were satisfied that it was only an accident, and acquitted the slave. Henry Lambert and John Hyde were charged with assault and battery. A mob prosecution was held over me to decide our fate. After a short time we were allowed to stand up, but were ill treated by them, and knocked and pushed about, but two of them who appeared to be chiefs protected us as much as possible from the people.

After being on the beach for about two hours, I went on board, and in the cabin, or the place where the cabin was. I found fifteen or twenty Arabs cutting away, and scarcely a vestige of any thing to be seen. Many of the men had drawers and every thing being torn to pieces at the same time numbers were driving away the starboard quarter, bodily, when part of the stern post was cut away, and the boarding gone. I then went on shore again, where we were continually annoyed with enquiries for "Rice, which we have since been told by the natives that we gave the captain to understand being all stripped on board alive, they could see that, or the chances are I should not have been here to-day. The plunder they had on board the ship on the beach, and when the signal was given to divide it they made a rush and a yell like a lot of wild beasts, and every thing disappeared in a short time.

Some days after the arrival of natives from the wreck, and lured toward the town of Azimor. We were met/led by the Arabs upon the road, some running after us with guns and knives, and others others spear upon us, and after great difficulty we reached the town of Azimor, at dark. We were then taken before the governor of that town, who, fortunately, there was one man there who could speak English, and after stating the way in which we had been robbed and ill treated by the Arabs, he ordered all to be given back, and dispatched a messenger to the Consul at Mazagan. We were then taken to a Jew's house, named Simon, who treated us with the greatest kindness, which will not be forgotten by myself and crew.

JOURNAL OF SOUTHERN AFFAIRS.

TURKEY.—It appears that the unsettled and infelicitous condition of a locality is to be gathered from the number and character of its newspapers. Constantinople must be progressing at the rapid pace which believers in "the march of mind" delight to contemplate, for we find that there are now published in that oriental city more than twenty newspapers, one in English—a well conducted weekly, called the Levant Herald, and a large circulation—three in French, one daily owned by the Government, one semi weekly, with a daily bulletin, an ably conducted paper, and the other a semi weekly and one weekly issued by the Government—the remaining eight papers, three in Turkish—one official one semi official and four altogether independent. One of the latter is edited by a Greek, and is published in Greek, with a supplement in Armenian, printing their new publications in the Armenian character. The Armenian language is also encouraged by the American mission, and edited by Rev. Dr. Dwight, which is partially recognized and partly connived at by the Government. These papers, but most of them are of a rather low order, and devote themselves especially to abusing the American missionaries. He also says two Bulgarian papers, which have a good circulation and much influence, especially at this exciting crisis of the Bulgarian Church question. There are also two Greek papers, but it has died out, although among a German population of about seven thousand. As a whole, there is a steady improvement noticeable in the character of