THE DAILY BEE

NEW ORLEANS:
TUESDAY MORNING, MARCH 24, 1863.

Notice of Auction To-Day.

By R. T. Montgomery, at 10½ o'clock, A. M., at No. 303 Liberty street, bay, oats and corn chopped; at 12 o'clock, M., at salesroom, No. 69 Camp street, flour, bacon, groceries, liquors, beans, tobacco, &c.

By the Sheriff at 12 o'clock, at the Merchants and Auctioneers' Exchange, the slave woman Maria.

By Fleming & Amery, at 11 o'clock, on the levee, sugar and molasses.

By McCerren & Landry, at 10 o'clock, at No. 57 Camp street, stock of steamship furniture, stoves, &c.

By Jos. M. Jacobs, at 10 o'clock, on Burgundy street, between the Lake and Toulouse streets, mules, horses, carts, dirty, buggies, &c.

THE VARIETIES THEATRE.—Tom Taylor's popular comedy "The Victims" is on the bills for to-night at the Varieties. It will be produced with a strong cast, as the entire force of the Varieties appear in it. This is the first time this season the piece has been brought out, and, if we may judge of its popularity here in days of yore, it can be well expected to draw a large house. The performance concludes with the roaring farce of "Slasher and Crasher."

STEAMERS EXPECTED.—The next steamer expected from New York is the Roanoke, which was advertised to leave on the 18th inst. The Oreole was in port, but was not advertised as leaving. The Roanoke, if she leaves on the 18th, may bring us a telegraphic summary of the mails of the Europa, which was to sail from Liverpool on the 7th. The Australasian left Liverpool on the 28th ult.

GOOD INTENT TOWBOAT COMPANY.—As will be seen by reference to another column, Secretary D. Dickney of this Company, notifies the Stockholders to attend a meeting at the office of the company, No. 5 Carondelet street, on Monday, the 25th of May next, at 12 o'clock, M.

The notice of dealers and all in want of choice hay, oats and feed is especially directed to this sale of R. T. Montgomery for this day, (Tuesday,) the 24th instant, at 10½ o'clock, at No. 303 Liberty street, between Calliope and Clio streets, of 600 bales choice Timothy hay, 25 tons prime Creole hay, 600 sacks choice oats, and 25 bales corn shucks, all in fine condition, to be peremptorily sold in lots to suit the demand. He will also sell, at 12 o'clock, at salesroom, 69 Camp street, choice lots of flour, beef, shoulders, breakfast bacon, hams, tobacco, soap, brandies, whiskies, coal oil, butter, lard, &c. The above sale will be important to grocers and others, and should not fail to attend. At 11 o'clock, at old auction mart, 87 Camp street, the regular sale of furniture and sundry goods.

The attention of buyers is called to the sale to-day at 10 o'clock, at No. 57 Camp street, by McCerren & Landry, of steamship furniture, stoves, plated ware, cutlery, crockery, ironware, &c.; also, the office furniture and two iron safes. See their advertisement.

Office, 73 Chartres street.

The Mobbing of the Crisis Office.

A paragraph in the Southern news published last evening referred to the mobbing of Mediary's *Crisis* office, in the city of Columbus, Ohio, on the night of March 5th. We now find the detailed particulars. The dispatch says that the mobbing took place about 11 o'clock at night, and that about one hundred citizens, dressed in army overcoats, were engaged in the affair. The subjoined is the *Enquirer's* account:

During the riot at the office one of Mr. Medary's daughters, Mrs. Wilson, passed through the crowd, took the subscription books and was making off with them, when a well known Abolitionist attempted to take them from her. She took a revolver from her pocket, leveled it at the fellow's head, and denouncing him as a coward fit only to fight women, went off with the books, revolver in hand, through the crowd, not one of them daring to interfere with her. The fellow is now in the lock-up for assaulting her. Governor Todd, an unusual thing for him—stopped at his office an unusual time for him—stopped at his office until the job was done. He was within one square of the riot during the whole of it. All State forces were *unfortunately* out of town. General Cooper, within two squares, arrived after it was all over. Captain Dod, who is a white man, arrived in time to put a guard over the *Statesman* office and protect it. Threats were frequent against the *Enquirer*, Indianapolis *Sentinel*, and Chicago *Times*.

Columbus, March 8.—Col. Medary arrived in the town to check truth last night. He met with a reception that must have compensated him for the destruction of his office. He was escorted by an immense crowd to the American Hotel, where he was welcomed by Judge Thurman in a speech that lasted the ring of the true metal. The reply of Mr. Medary was in excellent taste, and had a happy effect in quieting the excited passions of his indignant friends. A meeting will be held this evening to take measures to protect the property of Democrats against mobs in the future. Resolutions forbidding a repetition of the outrages will be offered, and will be unanimously adopted. The Democrats are determined to protect themselves, and maintain their rights of person and property.

How Gen. Stoughton and His Party were Captured.

The Washington *Star* of the 10th contains the following particulars of the manner in which Gen. Stoughton and his party were captured near Fairfax Courthouse:

It appears to be understood that the rebel Captain Moseley was able to get his command within our lines in front of Fairfax Courthouse on the night before last, by riding in an orderly on the night before last, by riding in an orderly train of wagons, which, with the countersign in his pocket to deliver it to officers at our posts. Having obtained it thus, he was probably able to slip his men (dispersed in small squads in the lines and different points in the same neighborhood. General Stoughton is from Vermont.

His failure in this matter were in locating his headquarters, for comfort, at a distance from all his troops except the dozen or so composing his staff and orderlies, and in failing to make the cavalry watchful. The cavalry were on ball, and the cavalry, who should have been scouting more industriously than usual on that account, are believed to have kept within doors while practically aiding and abetting Moseley's scheme. He came in on the Centreville and Fairfax road, between the little river turnpike and the road leading to Leesburg, on which, from all we can learn, either the patrols or the pickets were keeping no efficient watch whatever.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

The Bogging on the Bio Bio.—On the authority of some of the passengers and an officer of the United ship, we stated that the Custom-house officials prevented the removal of the baggage when the fire broke out. Mr. J. Der rive, one of the Inspectors, informs us that he was on board at the time, and imposed no restriction of the kind upon any one—that the rapid spread of the flames was the only preventing cause of the non-removal of the baggage. We make the correction with pleasure, especially as that we had reliable ground for the original statement, and presume it was the intense excitement of the moment which gave rise to the impression.

Stolen Wagon and Mule.—Peter Butler's wagon No. 2258 and his mule were stolen from his yard several days ago, and with the aid of the police he has been making diligent search therefor. Special Mohorter, of the 2d District, reported yesterday that the wagon was found in the possession of Mr. Guyas, and Officer Gen. Hall had quickly fixed matters up on the corner of Peace and Goodchildren streets, in the keeping of A. Welton.

Badly Injured by a Fall.—The iron building at the corner of Camp and Poydras streets is getting up quite a reputation for throwing people down and badly injuring them. Early yesterday morning officer Cassidy, of the 1st District police, found a person while he was passing the lot, and looking into the building he found a poor fellow named Daniel Naughton lying on the ground floor, with his right arm broken in two places, and otherwise severely hurt. According to the statement of the sufferer, he had been trying to find lodgings for the night in the third story, a ladder being conveniently placed in the dark he fell through to the bottom. We hope these two warnings may reach the rest of the boarders, and keep them from endangering their limbs and life in such a manner. The iron building in search of a soft plank to repose. The lockup are much safer.

United States Provisional Court—Judge Peabody (Monday.)—On the opening of the Court, Mr. Lamont moved that the names of those summoned by the Marshal for the Grand Jury should be called, for the purpose of completing the panel.

A sufficient number responded who had no excuse to offer for not serving; when Mr. Lamont read the additional oath required from jurors by the late act of Congress of June 16, 1862, which is as follows:

"You do solemnly swear or (affirm) that you will support the Constitution of the United States; that you have not, without duress and restraint, taken up arms or joined any insurrection or rebellion of the United States, nor given aid or comfort to any insurrection or rebellion, giving it aid and comfort; that you have not, directly or indirectly, given any assistance in money or any other thing, to any person or persons whom you knew or had good ground to believe had joined or was about to join said insurrection and rebellion, or had resisted or was about to resist with force of arms the execution of the laws of the United States; and that you have not counseled or advised any person or persons to join any such rebellion or to resist with force of arms the laws of the United States."

Of the first sixteen who appeared to be qualified, six declined to take the additional oath, and were accordingly relieved.

Another call resulted successfully, and the following are declared to be the Grand Jury:

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Mr. Durant agreed with his friend in almost all that he had advanced, but preferred that the Court should decide the proceedings to be irregular, so he could come, which he could not do before he had not been aware of what rules precisely had been adopted. While he consented to the discharge of his rule, he wished to file his exceptions to the jurisdiction of the Court in confiscation cases; and would embrace the opportunity to argue these points with the Prosecuting Attorney, particularly as he differed with him in his construction of the Confiscation Act, believing that the property was forfeited to the United States only after condemnation.

The Court finally directed the discharge of the rule—the executors having leave to come into Court in the form of claimants of the property.

Affairs at Savannah.

The Port Royal correspondent of the Baltimore *American* says, an Englishman from Savannah, an observer and intelligent man, recently reached the Federal lines, giving the following information. Tas following are some of the questions put to him and his answers:

Question—What was the feeling at Savannah during the recent attack of Capt. Worden on Fort McAllister?

Answer—The impression was that a general attack was about to be made on the city, and the women and children were being removed. Everybody that could bear arms was forced to go to the entrenchments. There are few troops in the city, but there are numerous encampments around it.

Question—Was there any talk of burning the city in case of being compelled to give it up?

Answer—No, indeed! The burning of the city is not talked of, but it will be defended with great vigor. There are plenty in the city who will be glad to see it in Federal hands.

Question—Are there many guns mounted on the water approaches to the city?

Answer—Yes; there are a great number. There are fifty-four heavy guns mounted on the Savannah river near the lighthouse, and we passed several other heavy batteries on our way down; some of which are masked with bushes.

Question—What is the character of the obstructions in the river?

Answer—They do not amount to much, but are located near the batteries, so that in any attempt to remove them you will be under fire.

Question—Are there any Unionists at Savannah?

Answer—There are plenty there who are called secesh, being men of wealth and position, but they are now regarded as traitors to the Confederacy. All the Israelites are considered Unionists, and most of the Germans. They have purchased substitutes and are exempts, but a recent order compels them all to take part in the defense of the city.

Question—Are prices high and goods scarce?

Answer—When I left, the price of $1 in gold was $2 64 in Confederate money. These low shoes I have on cost me $20, and these pants (brown cassimere) cost $35. I have a coat and vest in my trunk that cost me $125. Coffee was selling at $3 per pound, and tea at $1 12. Calico was $1 25 per yard; butter $1 25 per pound; nails $1 25 per pound, &c. All kinds of meat are high and scarce, ranging from 40 to 60 cents per pound; but corn can be had at $1 per bushel.

From General Grant's Army.

The following dispatch is communicated to the Detroit *Free Press*:

Memphis, March 5, 1863.—On Sunday the rebels sent in a flag of truce to Gen. Grant. On Monday a truce was declared between the Unionists and returned about sundown. An hour later the swift steamer Forest Queen started for Memphis with one of Gen. Grant's staff as bearer of dispatches to Washington.

Last week two steamers, with infantry and cavalry, went to Carolina Landing, and after three days' absence returned with two hundred mules, one hundred and thirty head of beef cattle, thirty bales of cotton, several thousand bushels of corn, and a number of negroes, &c.

The health of the army is improving.

The prisoners captured from the Indianola were sent to Jackson, Miss.

It is intimated that important movements will soon be made.

The Attack Against Charleston Expected to Take Place Soon.

The New York *Post* contains the subjoined paragraph which it extracts from the Washington correspondence of the Philadelphia *North American*:

"It is now stated as a fact by those who profess to know, that the grand attack upon Charleston will be made the present week; the assault will be opened by the iron-clads, which are in perfect readiness, at the head of which will be the New Ironsides. It is proposed to run by the city, and if successful in this, the forts from the rear, and if this is successful the city will be at our mercy. A demand for surrender will be made upon the authorities, and in the event of refusal the bombardment of the city will take place."

The above agrees with our own information, but whether correct or not, the event will determine.

The Rumored Defeat of the Federals at Winchester.

—We find in the *Tribune*, of the 11th, the following contradiction of the rumored defeat of the Federals at Winchester, to which reference has been made in our Southern advices:

Harper's Ferry, Tuesday, March 10, 1863.—Great surprise is felt at the reports in Washington and elsewhere of a disaster at Winchester by the return of the rebels in force to the Valley of Virginia. There is not only no foundation for these rumors, but a state of preparedness exists in that quarter, as well as Berryesburg, that the contraband invite any attempt the enemy can make upon us, unless the whole army in front of Fredericksburg should be moved up, which it is well known that Hooker will not permit, even if the road roads would. Gen. Kelly is still in command under Gen. Schenck will full force.

The Riot at Detroit.

We publish this evening very complete particulars of the riot which recently occurred in Detroit, and of which we published the first account by our last mails. We now publish the following, which contains very interesting details:

THIRTY-FIVE BUILDINGS DESTROYED—NO RESIDENCES KILLED—REPORTS OF THE AFFAIR GROSSLY EXAGGERATED—EFFICIENT SERVICE OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT—PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR.

The Detroit *Free Press* of Monday contains a full account of the recent riot in that city, from which we compile the following, from which it will be seen that the previous reports of the affair have been not a little exaggerated:

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THE PERSONS ENGAGED

The active participants in the riot were very few, and composed mostly of boys ten to eighteen years of age. It is safe to say that not more than twenty or thirty men in all had anything to do with the violent demonstrations. It was principally boys who hoisted the screen to the dwelling, who hooted and hallooed, who threw stones which broke the windows, who plundered and built bonfires of their contents. But they were mostly rowdies, vagabonds and loafers—who incited the young desperadoes to the inhumanity they displayed. These men, by their lawless example, instigated and led on the younger ones, and it is upon them that the fearful responsibility rests.

As to the buildings destroyed was the location of which we omit to call attention.

THE PROVOST GUARD.

The action of the Detroit Provost Guard, though positively exemplary, is to a great degree marred by the indignities that were heaped upon them by the excited crowd of mobocrats. They stood in ranks, firm, steady, and even paying no attention to the stones, clubs and bricks, without retaliating. But finally after self-protection demanded something should be done, a number of black cartridges were first fired, which failing in quelling the riotous proceedings, a few of the guard were compelled to resort to the sterner mode which resulted so fatally. Under the circumstances, it was the best and only practicable course, and the only doubtful alternative of firing into a promiscuous crowd. If only the guilty parties would receive the fearful punishment, there could be no cause for complaint. But in all these riots, on many occasions nine-tenths of those who suffer are men who are not engaged in it, and whose only offence is curiosity to witness the unlawful acts. This fact should have kept down the fearful resentment and retaliation of the Provost guard. The person whose life was sacrificed was one of the most respected and influential citizens in Detroit—a man who was never known to resist the law, but who, on the contrary, would have been one of the first to aid in executing the demands of justice.

FALSE REPORTS CORRECTED.

The sensation rumors of a large number of negroes being killed are all false. The inflammatory reports to that effect, some of which were repeated by a responsible speaker at a public meeting, were entirely unreliable for any use, and were entirely uncalled for and out of place. The truth is certainly bad enough, without exaggeration and additional horrors. Not a single negro was killed, nor is there any probability but that all of the wounded will recover in the course of a few days. Only two were wounded so as to be confined on the following day. Those two were visited by our reporter on Saturday, and they were reported by the attending physician as doing well. A rapid state of convalescence. The reports that the infants were snatched from their mothers' arms and hurried into the street are also untrue in every particular. Only one instance on which such an outrageous report could be founded occurred during the whole riot. That was as follows: At the house on Beaubien street, which was set on fire, a woman was forced to the door from the intense heat with a babe in her arms. As she came out one or two boys threw stones and sticks of wood at her, which compelled her to recede a few feet from the door. For the miserable barbarity of such a proceeding at once brought to the rescue a gentleman standing near, who went into the house, brought the woman and child into the street, and conducted them to a place of safety. Another instance of inhumanity can be here recorded, occurring in the same house.

An old negro doctor, eighty years of age, whose name is Benjamin Franklin Washington Clark, generally known as the "Prophet," was discovered in one corner of the burning building by Re-Marshal Duffield, trembling with fear, and praying for mercy. Mr. Champ exerted himself in the old man's behalf, and promised to defend him if he would come out. But fear had overcome him to such an extent that he dared not trust himself outside, and he could be made to risk himself away from his hiding-place. Finding that entreaties were of no avail, the Marshal told several of the crowd to go in the back way and force him out. They did so, using no unnecessary violence. With the exception of his clothing and other personal property, and then told him to go in peace, as they did not desire to harm an aged and infirm old man—that they were after the young darkeys, and not a feeble and tottering decrepit less veteran of eighty years. Then the old man came out, and it is wrong to make a monstrous crime more terrible by endeavoring to give them such false coloring as to make the matter worse than it really is.

THE RIOTERS.

There was no riotous demonstrations on Saturday or during the succeeding night. The Twenty-seventh Regiment remained in town, and will do so, we believe, until Monday or Tuesday. They were not on duty Saturday night, but were quartered in upper wards in different parts of the city, ready to be of service if needed.

One hundred policemen were employed, who patroled the streets during the night, but up to 3 o'clock in the morning no disturbance had occurred.

PROCLAMATION OF THE MAYOR.

The following proclamation was issued by the mayor Saturday evening:

Mayor's Office, Detroit, March 7.—In view of the unlawful and riotous proceedings that have been enacted within the past twenty four hours, I, Francis B. Phelps, acting Mayor of the city of Detroit, do hereby request all good citizens to use their untiring endeavors to maintain the peace and quietness of the city, and also to discourage the unusual congregations of persons upon the streets; and, to further aid in preventing accidents, I require that for two days the keepers of saloons shall close the sams at seven o'clock in the evening.

FRANCIS B. PHELPS, Acting Mayor.

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