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Sales at Auction this Day.

By E. Gilmore, at 11 o'clock, at Customhouse street between Exchange Alley and Chartres street, household furniture.

By W. H. Bunnell, at 10 o'clock, at No. 78 Chartres street, hardware.

FRESH IMPORTED DRY GOODS.—Marburg and Foster have just opened at 9 Chartres street their assorted and newly imported dry goods of the latest style. They have also in hand a large stock suitable for the Mexican market.

STEAMERS TO COME FROM NEW YORK.—The two next steamers to arrive from New York are the Charles C. Leary and the North America, both announced to leave for this city on the 15th at 3 P. M. We may expect a report from one or the other by telegraph within the next twenty four hours.

STEAMERS FROM THE WEST.—In addition to steamers already mentioned as coming from St. Louis or Cairo, the following are announced in the St. Louis papers of the 14th: the Niagara to leave St. Louis for New Orleans on the 16th, at 3 P. M.; the Minnehaha on the 15th, 10 A. M.; and the W. R. Arthur, to leave Cairo on the 16th, 2 P. M.

BY TELEGRAPH.

Sinking of the Steamer Gertrude

FIVE PASSENGERS MISSING

The Bodies of Two Ladies Recovered.

(To the New Orleans Bee.)

Round Carre, Sept. 20.—The steamer Gertrude, loaded with cattle and commissary stores, sunk this morning about 8 A. M. near College Point. Five of the passengers are missing. The bodies of two ladies have been recovered.

News via Houston, Texas.

A contemporary has the following from the Galveston *Telegraph* of the 20th ult.

Camden, Aug. 25.—One of the most remarkable circumstances of the war occurred a few miles above Pine Bluff on the 18th inst. Two boys and a discharged soldier hailed the steamer J. K. Miller en route to Pine Bluff, with ten negroes as a crew and three soldiers as guards. One of the boys went aboard and demanded the surrender of the boat, threatening the Captain with a broadside from the batteries on shore. The Captain, clerk and crew surrendered, while the soldiers went into the hold, when the hatches were made fast over them. The boat was then examined, and after procuring what they wanted in money and a fine race mare of Gen Steele, the boat was fired, leaving the soldiers to bail them selves. Five of them only escaped the flames.

The above is official from Gen Dockery to District Headquarters, received last night. The Captain, clerk and Gen Steele's fine race animal are now at Monticello, also the boat's manifest.

Magruder, in a general order, states that he is going to another command, and that General Hebert will temporarily succeed him until Gen Walker, the permanent commander, arrives.

McClellan's Letter Among the Western Chicagoettes.

A Cincinnati dispatch of the 19th to the Chicago *Times* says

Mr. Vallandigham is in this city to-night. The Associated Press dispatch from Columbus to-night does him great injustice. While Gen McClellan's letter does not please Mr. Vallandigham, he has no intention of any revolutionary measures regarding the said letter. Mr. Vallandigham is in favor of any other convention or nomination, but would like a modification or explanation of some points of the letter.

The Cincinnati *Enquirer* of yesterday morning contains an article denouncing the New York *Times*, for its abandonment of McClellan.

Mr. Pendleton's letter of acceptance will be upon the Chicago platform. He is now opposed to any move that would give aid and comfort to Mr. Lincoln's re-election, and considers the main issue whether he shall be continued in power or not. There are nearly one hundred democratic papers in Ohio, and all but one—the Columbus *Crisis*—Medary—have hoisted the McClellan standard. Much indignation is felt at the position of Medary, and it is believed that he will either have to sell out or support the ticket. The democrats in Indiana believe that they will elect ten out of eleven of the Congressmen, and choose McDonald Governor by a large majority.

Hon Alex Long arrived here this morning. While McClellan is not his choice, he is opposed to factious opposition to him. Since McClellan's letter of acceptance heralded it republicans have declared their intention to vote for him.

The Rumored Peace Commissioners from Georgia.

(From the St. Louis Union, 21st.)

For some time past there have been whispers of commissioners having been sent from Georgia and Alabama to Washington, to open negotiations for the return of those States to the Union, and it is known that Hon H. R. W. Cobb, of Georgia, passed through Nashville several weeks ago to the East, as was supposed, with some powers on a mission from the Governor of that State. The Princeton (Ill.) *Rep. Sharon* of last week says that Hon B. Bryant of that city received a letter from William Cullen Bryant, his brother in New York on Monday last, announcing that a commission from Georgia has arrived, and has had a conference with the authorities at Washington. He comes from the Governor and leading men of that State, including Toombs and Stephens. The proposals are said to be not unreasonable.

Peace Prospect from a Richmond View.

(From the Richmond Sentinel, 15th.)

The expectation of a comparatively speedy termination of the war, which has gained ground in the United States as well as in the Confederate States, has reduced the price of gold at the North. The late accounts tell of an increased activity in its traffic, with an advance in price. The fall of Atlanta will probably further enhance the premium, as indicating the delay of peace. The Confederates never mean to give up the struggle, but to fight it out to the end for which they started—separation and independence. Any success gained by our enemies but prolongs the evil day for them as well as for us, and if Wall street is astute as it is reputed, it will understand it so, and buy and sell accordingly.

Mr. Seward and a Convention of the People.

Opposition papers of the North publish the following from a speech by Mr. Seward in 1861 in the U. S. Senate, as in contradiction with views expressed by him in his late Auburn speech:

But if the measure were practicable I should prefer a different course, namely, when the secessionists movements of secession and disunion shall have ended, in whatever form that end may come, and the angry excitements of the hour shall have subsided, and calmness shall have once more resumed its accustomed sway over the public mind, then, and not till then,—one, two, three years hence,—I would cheerfully advise a convention of the people, to be assembled in each one of the Constitution, to consider and decide whether any and what amendments of the national organic law ought to be made.

Mortality among Federal Prisoners at Andersonville, Ga.

The New York *Tribune* of the 19th has the following among its latest Southern extracts

(From the Augusta Constitutionalist.)

From a gentleman from Andersonville, and who, from his acquaintance with the officials there, is in a position to speak knowingly, we learn that the statement of 700 Yankee deaths going the rounds of the press, is incorrect. The greatest mortality on any one day has never exceeded 127, and though in comparison with the statement referred to, this may seem slight loss, a few words will show that it is in reality almost appalling. There are now in Andersonville something over 30,000 prisoners, and at the rate of 127 per day, the deaths would amount to 1 in every 237. Did the same ratio of mortality prevail in New York, computing the population of that city at 800,000, the deaths there would amount up to 3336 per day—more than six times the real number. The greatest mortality among our prisoners in the North occurred at Alton, Ill., where among 7000 the loss was 37 per day, or 1 in every 111. The difference between the mortalities North and South is due, however, less to any difference in ration or treatment, than to that utter prostration of mind and body which overwhelms the Yankee, but against which the Confederate soldier bears up as bravely as if facing the bullet and the bayonet in the field.

MR. VALLANDIGHAM BOLTS.—The following appeared at the head of the leading column of the *Ohio Statesman* of the 15th

Mr Vallandigham's Meetings Withdrawn.

The appointments heretofore made for Hon. C. L. Vallandigham are withdrawn

JOHN G THOMPSON.
Chairman Dem. State Cen. Committee.
P Jaeger, Secretary.

HARD TIMES IN CANADA.—A Wisconsin paper says: "It is the faith of a private letter, that times are awful hard in Canada. No business done, wages not sufficient to pay board, and almost impossible to get work at anything. The country is overrun with bedaddlers from the United States and the Confederacy, while thousands of Canadians are leaving for the States to procure work.

THE TOBACCO CROP IN THE CONNECTICUT VALLEY.—The tobacco crop in the Connecticut valley is the largest crop ever raised, and the producers are erecting numerous drying houses to accommodate the surplus crop. A tier of it is already cut, and another week will find almost the entire crop under cover. At present prices the crop will produce probably twice as much money as was ever before received for it.—*Hartford Times.*

Atlanta Depreciated by a Richmond Journal.

The Richmond *Examiner* of the 7th, commenting on the loss of Atlanta, says:

It is mortifying certainly to have been obliged to abandon Atlanta to the Federals—not that we attach any especial value to the place, but that they do. The reverse is not so much material as moral, and Atlanta was never a strategic point, so much as a point of honor. It was once, to be sure, called the "Gate City," but that gate has long been off its hinges and is one of those "promises that lead to nothing." It would surely have been entertaining to witness the disappointment of Sherman's officers, and especially of the eloquent press correspondents, on entering the streets of that "city," whose possession has cost them floods of blood. They had evidently formed a rather grand idea of the place, and one correspondent, in composing his letter announcing its fall and the entry of the Federal army, about three weeks before it did fall, described the tramp of the columns through the "somber streets," and the stars and stripes floating from its towers and domes. Now, in fact, Atlanta was a sort of place which would be called a "city" nowhere else but upon this continent. no doubt it was intended to be a city. The streets are there, cheerily shaded by original growth. It was one of those raw and fantastic "cities" which have been advertised and gotten up by speculators in late, at various points of railroad intersection.

Since the war began, indeed, there has been at Atlanta some few factories carried on upon Government account, and these establishments, together with the concourse of quartermasters, commissaries, surgeons, and other temporary hutant appurtenances to the rear of an army, have gathered there a kind of floating and fugitive population. It had even become a favorite stage or halting place for refugees to wayfarers, and talented journals from Memphis, Knoxville and Chattanooga have been for some time printed and published at Atlanta, thus giving to the place that factitious air of importance which has imposed upon many Confederates outside of Georgia, and may be said to have completely and thoroughly taken in the Federals. They find themselves in triumphant possession of a rural "city" with embracadero streets, whose cows lately pastured on the cotton area all gone. The Government factories are stopped and their weatherboarded sheds are scarce worth burning. Some dilapidated billiard tables they may find there, some dusty counters of lottery offices, empty demijohns of long-deserted barrooms—but that is nearly all.

Now this is presented as a tolerably accurate portrait and history of Atlanta. It has no material advantages whatsoever, either for peace or war. There never was any reason why there should be a town there. It has no river, across no pass, stands upon a place which has neither strength, nor beauty, nor commercial facilities—save what have been created by the railroads since. The railroads leading thither being for the present lost to us, the Gate City may as well go too and while the Confederate flag flies there we wish them much comfort.

After all, it is provoking to have to evacuate even so much as that Gate City. It is hard to yield any advantage, or even seeming advantage, to the Yankee nation—especially if they have been allowed to snatch that advantage through the mischievous prejudices and selfishness of those who direct our military affairs. Yet, for us not think more of the matter than it is worth, the evacuation of Atlanta may not be much more of a disaster than Gen Lee's evacuation of Hanover Junction

Action Resources of the Confederacy in the Trans-Mississippi Region.

After reviewing in terms of felicitation the results of late military operations in Georgia and Virginia, the New York *Herald* of the 19th says:

While south in the state of things east of the Mississippi, we desire to draw the attention of the government to the necessity of using every means in this important crisis to exhaust the pecuniary resources of the confederacy—to cut off its supplies everywhere at home and break down its credit abroad.

There is a great leak to be stopped on the frontiers of Texas. Cotton to an immense amount is finding its way into Mexico, and thence to Europe to meet the requirements of the rebel loan and purchase material for the war. Large quantities of munitions and supplies are pouring into the rebel States by the same channel. This channel should be obstructed by the presence of a competent force on the border under an able general. We are informed that the rebel government has a depot for cotton at El Paso which covers ten acres of ground and several more, containing from five hundred to two thousand bales, a few miles to the interior from the Rio Grande.

The cotton crop in Texas, Arkansas and many counties of Louisiana this year is abundant, and every bale of it will find its rebel trade, if the frontier line is not protected. The agents of the rebel government in Texas alone hold now five hundred thousand bales of the last year's crop, and they estimate the present year's crop at two hundred thousand bales. At the current rate of cotton in New York to day this would amount to $300,000,000. Within the rebel lines in Arkansas there are, both in store and in the fields, one hundred and fifty thousand bales more, worth, at the same standard $150,000,000, while in the parishes of Louisiana lying on the Red river it is estimated that there are one hundred and fifty thousand more, giving a total of one million bales of cotton at the disposal of the enemy, on the frontiers of Mexico, where it is to obtain supplies and maintain their credit.

It is clear, then, that the Government ought to take instant measures to prevent this cotton from going out of the Confederacy. Now that the rebellion is crippled in Virginia, Georgia, Alabama and the Carolinas, its military strength broken, its armies thinned out and disheartened, its capacity to recuperate them exhausted, this great leak in the Southwest thereby reopened of paramount value still remains to the enemy, should he expect An army of seventy-five thousand men could do it in three months.

A Soldier's Account of the Condition of Lee's Army.

The Watertown (New York) *Reformer* publishes the following letter from a quartermaster sergeant in the Ninth Army Corps Hospital before Petersburg, giving a wounded rebel's account of the condition of Lee's army:

Several rebel wounded have been here during the past week, and from one intelligent "Johnnie" I have received a good deal of interesting information. He belonged to the First Alabama regiment, and has been in the service since the war began. He belonged to A. P. Hill's corps, and was wounded and captured on the 19th. They depend entirely for food upon Englandio supply their army, for which they pay ten dollars per pair in Confederate money or bonds. They have to furnish their other clothing themselves, relying principally upon what they capture of us. Over coats they have none but those taken from us. They are in a great quandary for ammunition, and another round can be fired only by the enemy or Europe, which, if he succeeds in obtaining it, he will be unable to get across the Atlantic. Provisions are very scarce, and the rations are reduced one-half. Their troops from this time last entered are all re-enlisting with vigor, seemingly cut by regiments.

A Leopold dispatch, dated in the field, 15th, says another movement has been made. The enemy seems to be retreating. Averill's Corps is upon his rear. The indications are that we will have another fight as Averill has reached the enemy's rear infantry line.

The Charleston *Courier* of August 30 says the torpedo floated down on barges towards Fort Sumter on the night of the 29th, exploded when within thirty feet of the west face of the fort, doing no damage whatever.

New York, Sept 19.—Cotton very quiet at 1 to 1 Floor 5c to 10c better—but very active and better. Corn 1c better. Oats quiet at former rates. Pork dull. Lard firm, supply for the week 1000 bbls. Prime lard 23c to 24½c. Whisky firm at 50c to 51c. Sugar dull.

The following is by the steamer Pennsylvania we have the following:

Liverpool, Aug. 31.—Cotton dull, unchanged Breadstuffs inactive. Corn has a downward tendency. Provisions dull. Lard firmer.

London, Aug. 31.—Consols closed at 89¾ and 89⅞ for money

Italy received the Mexican Ambassadors and extended a friendly sentiments

Milan, September 1.—The Democratic State Convention met to day. The attendance is large. Peter Cagger called the Convention to order, and Hon. Marshall B. Chamberlain was appointed temporary chairman.

Pending a motion to adjourn, Fernando Wood entered the hall, and speech of the New Yorker's coming Mayor Wood was listened and hooted. There was considerable confusion, during which a motion for a recess was carried.

New York, September 11.—From files of rebel papers we glean the following

The Charleston *Mercury* says all foreigners residents in Savannah, who will not organize for defense of the city, by the 15th would be sent to Atlanta.

Vance a majority for Governor of North Carolina over Holden, the peace candidate, is certified at 2,500, in a total vote of 75,000.

The Richmond *Examiner*, of the 7th, says the hopes built on the terrible things that Wheeler was to do with Sherman's communications, were, we regret to say, are fast fleeting into nothing.

The Savannah *News* states that the Government powder works at Augusta, were blown up on the 4th, with some 30,000 pounds of powder. Nine persons were killed.

Washington, Sept. 14.—The following has just been received from Gen Sheridan, near Berryville, 12 M 15th: This morning I sent Gen's Getty's division of the 6th Corps, with two brigades of cavalry, to the crossing of the Summit Point and Winchester Road over the Opequan Creek. Rhodes's, Brunson's, Gordon and Wharton's divisions were found on the left bank—all the same troops Gen. Wilson's and Mackintosh's brigades of cavalry—debauched up the Winchester Pike, drove the rebel cavalry a mile, came in contact with Kershaw's division, charged it, and captured the 8th South Carolina regiment, sixteen officers, two men and the battle flag, and Col. Heusigan's cavalry brigade took 200 prisoners from Gen Sheridan, near Berryville, 12 M 15th: This morning I sent Getty's division of the 6th Corps, with two brigades of cavalry, to the crossing of the Summit Point and Winchester Road over the Opequan Creek. Rhodes's, Brunson's, Gordon and Wharton's divisions were found on the left bank—all the same troops Gen. Wilson's and Mackintosh's brigades of cavalry