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SATURDAY MORNING, SEPTEMBER 24.

Sales at Auction this Day.

By B. Scott, at No. 44 Old Levee street, coffee, cigars, whisky, Olive oil, tpeons, etc.

By J. S. Cryer, at 11 o'clock, on the 2d. 323 Dauphine street, furniture.

By D. E. Murphy, at 11½ o'clock, in the St. Louis warehouse, 300 sx. be cots.

By the same, at 11 o'clock, in the Bee's warehouse, crushed sugar.

Mr. B. Scott, auctioneer, sells this morning, at 10 o'clock, at No. 44 Old Levee street, claret, coffee, sugar, whisky, champagne, tpeon, &c.

DEPARTURE OF MAJOR GENERAL BANKS FOR THE NORTH.—Major Gen. Banks is among the passengers of the steamer Dove Nada which leaves this morning for New York.

A HUMOROUS CAMPAIGN DOCUMENT.—We have received from the publisher a small volume with the annexed title page:

Letters of Major Jack Downing, of the Downingville Militia. New York: Bromley & Co., J. F. Feeks, wholesale agent, 20 Ann street, New York.

These letters are a confused imitation of the Jack Downing letters of some thirty years ago intended as a caricature of Gen. Jackson and his political friends and advisers. President Lincoln is put in the place of Jackson, Seward in the place of Van Buren, and so on. The imitation is clever, but whether the humorous and satirical sketches of the existing Administration will be more effective towards overthrowing it in the instance than in the case of Jackson, remains to be shown.

The original Jack Downing, though failing of his political purpose, had a wide popularity as a shrewd and homely humorist, and the humor of the present Jack gives him no inconsiderable claims upon those readers who tolerate political literature only when disguised in the shape of frolic and fun. Running through the jokes and stories of the letters is a review, from an opposition stand-point, of the war and the war policy of the Administration, and of the relations thereto of the foremost Republican and Abolition leaders. It is for this reason, doubtless, that the present volume is issued as a campaign document by Bromley & Co., New York. They announce their paper cover edition at $1 per copy. Address, Box 1,705, New York P. O. The volume is illustrated with numerous cuts.

BLACKWOOD FOR AUGUST.—We have, received from Leonard Scott & Co., New York, Blackwood's Edinburgh Magazine for August. The contents of the present number comprise nine titles. They are enriched with a continuation of the Cornelius O'Dowd papers, attributed to Charles Lever, and with a searching and caustic review of Victor Hugo's recent work on Shakespeare.

The United States mail steamship George Cromwell, E. E. Valle commander, will leave her wharf at 8 o'clock this morning for New York direct with a full freight, $10,000 in gold, the United States mail and the following passengers:

Mrs. J. Adolphus, Miss E. L. Cole, F. Ferrell, wife and 3 children, J. Simpkins and lady, Henry Tompkin.

The U. S. Mail Steamship Sawo Nada, Capt. Jayne, will leave her wharf this morning at 8 o'clock, for New York direct, with a full freight, $20,000 in Gold, the U. S. Mails and the following passengers:

Mai Gen D. Banks and Orderly, Col John B Clark A D C, Lieut C D Clark, Lieut W B Simpson, Lieut L L Andrew, Col W S Abert, Capt S Hodgson, Lieut Col Hartsuff, Maj J E Conner, Col Jos Great Widow, Judge Durell, R H Shannon, C C Bailey, J L Swift, Jos Durell, P Jas Kell, P O Blanchard, Miss Blanchard, H Bragg R C Paul, H M B Thompson and Lady S H Lord, Major Hempling and brother, C W Farmer, G D T M Parry Jr, Jos Abbe, W H York Robt Wiles, L N Hagens, Wm Goldsbrow, and 12 passengers in the steerage.

The London Times on the Political and Military Situation in the United States.

[From the London Times Aug 31st.]

It is now clear that whereas the Confederates are as unanimous as ever in their resolution to resist, the Federals are no longer of the same mind as to the continuance of the struggle. There is a strong party desirous of raising the great question of peace or war at the approaching Presidential election.

Now the question to be asked at this moment is what will be the effect of such events as we witness on the result of the contending parties? The answer will give the Confederates two chances against one. A battle may be either won, or lost, or drawn. If the Federals win—if Grant takes Richmond, Sherman Atlanta, and Farragut Mobile—we may anticipate that the peace party will be encouraged, and that opposite enabled to prosecute the war. If, however, the Confederates win, and the Federals experience any signal disaster, the war party will be strengthened, while a battle or lar result would probably follow even if neither party won and things remained exactly as they are. The odds in the slanting point in favor of the South. If they can only prevent the balance from being turned decisively against them, the advantage of the campaign will be theirs.

In the event we assume but ambiguous important consequences in the Northern States. It may be admitted that what these may be is at present a matter of conjecture, but it appears impossible to imagine that the impending election will not raise the great issue of peace or war in some shape or other. Nobody can well anticipate that Mr. Lincoln would be re-elected without a contest, or that the contest could be otherwise than desperate. But a desperate contest implies conflicting principles, and Mr. Lincoln's principles have been distinctly pronounced. His policy, as at present avowed, is war—war "to the bitter end," and it is on this early professing similar views that he has hitherto relied for support. But this adoption of the war on the part of one political section, leaves the other with no alternative but to adopt, in some shape or other, a policy of peace. It may be transformed or concealed under various disguises; but to this point it must come at last. Whoever condemns President Lincoln's policy must virtually condemn the war. It is vain to talk of the prosecution of the war on better military principles or a more skilful plan.

All plans and all principles have now been tried. Every General has had his chance in turn, and all have failed alike. McClellan's scientific caution fared no better than Grant's invincible obstinacy, except that under the former commander there was not so great a sacrifice of life. That the war has been wasteful beyond all precedent is perfectly true, and its exceptions were taken to the prodigality with which blood and treasure have been lavished; they might doubtless be restrained. But though the war might have been managed more cheaply, we do not see how it could have been conducted more vigorously. No Minister could have raised more men than Mr. Stanton, or more money than Mr. Chase. No Chief of the Republic could have kept wrangling at the war more indefatigably than President Lincoln, or rejected more bluntly all proposals of compromise. If the Republicans, with their unexampled efforts, could do nothing against the South it is not to be imagined that the Democrats with their half-and-half policy, could do more. If McClellan is to be their champion, we know already what may be expected. The armies of the North would be more prudently handled, and after a check, would be more expeditiously withdrawn, but they would certainly make no more impression on the South than the armies of Grant or Hooker.

It appears to us, then, that if the Democratic party make a fight for power, they must do it on principles entirely of peace, and that the events of the next few weeks will probably enable us to anticipate the result. If either Grant or Sherman should achieve any signal victory or capture the North by any important conquest, the Democrats might be deserted from taking the lead, and either Mr. Lincoln or the succeeding General himself would be left to win. But if these achievements of the Federals fall short of this success, there is such an opportunity for the South as has never occurred before. This is what gives such extraordinary and exceptional importance to the events of the present campaign. It is not that they affect the question of war in any more than the events of the last two years, but that they are occurring on the eve of a Presidential election. Last Autumn the Confederates held their own, but only by the war resources then in the Spring. If they can do as much this Autumn, next Spring may possibly see affairs in good train for peace.

Regulations Concerning Freedmen

[From the New York Evening Post.]

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued regulations providing for the employment and general welfare of all persons within the line of national military occupation within the Mississippi Valley, held as slaves, or who have or shall become free. These regulations will be carried into effect by the same agents and under the same supervision as are provided under the regulations governing commercial intercourse.

Freedmen's Home Colonies are to be established in each special agency, in which all freed persons within the agency may be received and provided for. A superintendent of freedmen will be appointed for each colony to make necessary arrangements to provide shelter and care for persons received, and to obtain working animals and implements for the economical conduct of the establishment. Registry of births, marriages, deaths, and departures, and all circumstances relating to each freedman, will be kept.

The superintendent shall classify all freedmen capable of labor as follows: 1. Boned persons over 18 and under 40. 2. Boned persons over 14 and under 18, and over 40 and under 55. 3. Boned persons over 12 and under 14, and over 55. 4. Other persons able to work shall be classified as the superintendent shall deem proper. Minimum rate of wages: Males—In cabin, $25 per month. 2d, $20. 3d, $15. 4th, $10. Females—1st class, $10 per month. 2d, $12. 3d, $8. 4th, $6.

All persons who are now employed, registered, and classified shall be promptly provided with employment, leaving none idle unless who are employed as laborers. No other labor shall be reserved by the superintendent.

Aged and infirm freed persons and children under 12 years of age, for whose labor shall be provided for by the superintendent. Also, medical attendance and schools.

Superintendents may be assigned to the care and charge of freedmen having for their purpose to improve the condition of freedmen.

Freedmen's labor colonies may also be found in each commercial city, and shall be reserved and assigned for their use. These colonies may also be assigned to associations. Schools must be established to the extent for the education of children under twelve years of age.

In case that the troops and others employed by them fit treat freedmen, the contract for labor shall be annulled.

All agreements must be authorized and approved by the Secretary of the Treasury. Such superintendents at the commencement of every month must furnish the Secretary with copies of all renewals, agreements, etc., with a monthly statement of accounts, etc. Special agents must also render a monthly account, and, vouchers for money paid, etc.

New York, September 16.—Gold at evening exchange 221½.

Fort Monroe.—Butler arrived here this morning from the front for the benefit of his impaired health.

Intelligence from the front states that the enemy have been annoying our lines on the left, for some time, and Gen. Grant's batteries opened yesterday to put a stop to it. Heavy firing kept up all day yesterday, without ascertained result.

Denver City, Sept. 16.—No Indians have been seen on the Overland for several weeks past. Stages will be resumed immediately. Indian scouting seems ended.

FROM GRANT'S HEADQUARTERS, 15TH.

There is every reason to believe the rebels contemplate, and have already prepared for the evacuation of Petersburg and the retirement of their army within the defences of Richmond.

SHERMAN AND HOOD.

Louisville, September 11.—The *Journal's* special from Atlanta the 10th, contains a congratulatory order from Sherman recounting his victories, and an agreement between Sherman and Hood for a ten days' truce at Rough and Ready, on the Macon Railroad, and the country around, enclosed by a circle of two miles radii, 10 days from September 12th to enable the people of Atlanta to remove to points South. Hood in a letter to Sherman, the 7th, says: "Permit me to say the unprecedented measure you propose transcends in stupid and ingenious cruelty, all acts ever before brought to my attention in this dark history of the war.

In the name of God and humanity I protest, believing that you are expelling from their homes and firesides the wifes and children of brave people." Letter from Sherman to Hood was not obtainable. The following items from a notice issued by the Major, by permission of General Sherman will give an idea thereof.

"All citizens are required to leave Atlanta and proceed either south or north. The Government will furnish transportation south as far as Rough and Ready, and north as far as Chattanooga.

All citizens may take their property with them. Transportation will be furnished for all moveable property. Negroes who wish to do so will go with their masters, otherwise male negroes will be put in good employ, and the women and children sent outside the lines.

Baltimore, September 11.—General Ayerill has reoccupied Martinsburg, and parties engaged in repairing the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad have resumed work.

New York, September 16.—Gold opened at 238, declined to 221, and closed, at afternoon board, at 226. At evening board Gold closed at 219. Cotton 180.

THE AFRICAN SLAVE TRADE.—The St. Helena *Guardian* says:

It is reported that the Slave trade has been carried on very briskly for some time past by means of steamers of such a class that our cruisers have no chance of catching them. One steamer of 900 tons has got away three times, and this time will laden with negroes. The boilercoons are full.

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But the campaign in Virginia is not finished. The fall of Atlanta is the signal for a desperate effort against Richmond. All the troops of the Mississippi are in motion towards Virginia. Gen. Grant anticipends that he will have one hundred thousand fresh men to capture Richmond. But with those fresh troops he will certainly succeed. That he will get the troops is quite probable. It is all important for us in the fight, oppose the force under his hand in an immediate, desperate effort to push his lines through the Confederate road.

We hope that it is needless to call attention to these prospects. We hope it is still more needless to dilate on the importance of holding our own in Virginia at this time. It is easy to do it—easier than ever before—if no fatal blunder is made by the government.

In Georgia the aspects of affairs is gloomier. There a portion of the legitimate results of concentration has been attained. A weaker army has been steadily forced back for a considerable distance, and the enemy holds a threatening position in the interior of the country. The advantages he has gained are not to be neglected. Yet, as they are the fruit of concentration, by that means only can they be retained. The great object of the campaign there, to get not defeated. An army, intact, still capable of formidable resistance, and, properly handled, or assuming the offensive with terrible effect at the right moment, confronts the enemy. We are warned by that his successful advance, thus far, counts for nothing, unless he can consummate his work by the total defeat of his opponent. Until that is accomplished, his own position, commanding as it may appear to be, is replete with danger. He stands upon a pinnacle conspicuous in the light of mere, but it is only a question of time when Addison may topple him into the dark abyss that yawns beneath. It is idle to ignore the success of the enemy, but it is well to reflect that up to this moment he has succeeded in but the first step of the policy he adopted for the campaign, and has been purchased by sacrifice indispensable to that policy. While it is true that he shall prove bootless reste upon the valor, the energy, and the wisdom of our soldiers, our generals and our rulers. The crisis demands these qualities in no unlimited measure. If they be forthcoming the safety of our cause will be as strikingly exemplified in Georgia as in Virginia.

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Lincoln knows all this, and he knows that the sure and only way to destroy the peace sentiment is to win victories. And he knows, too, that if he does not take destroy the peace sentiment, the peace sentiment will destroy him. If he can present to his people such prospect of ultimate success as will induce them to continue the war, then he is sure of his election. A war policy will call for a war President. But if military disaster, failure, inaction or irresolution mark the period of the Presidential canvass, the peace sentiment will grow and will triumph. A revolution in policy will be determined upon without the shedding of blood, while it result in a revolution in the administration—Lincoln will be dismissed the White House, and some other, man or woman will occupy it.

We look, therefore, to see great activity on the part of the enemy, from the present time until November. Such will be the case, unless the orders from Washington are misunderstood—Sherman's retreat from his advanced position will fill Lincoln with dismay, and compel Stanton to indite another bulletin. In this premises all Atlanta is the world—in the very week of triumph! Has Sherman indeed but won a town and a few miles of road, and is he afraid, that then he shrinks from the Confederation, in the very disorder of their retreat! This does not look much like "victory"—far less like subjugation. We shall soon see if Lincoln or his ruminants to Major-General Sherman on his happy return to Atlanta.

But, in all seriousness, we should calculate on every possible effort to be made by the enemy. The chances are now working upon the machinery of wooden vessels alone, at the different iron works, about 7,000 machinists, and about 40,000 hands more upon the machinery of the iron-clad vessels.

The iron-clad Monaynak, building at Pittsburg, is almost completed, and will be launched some time between Sherman and Hood for a ten days' truce at Rough and Ready, on the Macon Railroad, and the country around, enclosed by a circle of two miles radii, 10 days from September 12th to enable the people of Atlanta to remove to points South. Hood in a letter to Sherman, the 7th, says: "Permit me to say the unprecedented measure you propose transcends in stupid and ingenious cruelty, all acts ever before brought to my attention in this dark history of the war.

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It is a matter of grateful reflection to us, how ever, that the duties that lie in relation to the affairs of Louisiana. Whether the legislation of Congress or the instructions of the President as commander-in-chief, or both together, are to be met, it is a matter of high duty to the pure and sacred the substantial requisitions of either and both. She has done much more than has been demanded, and nothing more remains to be omitted. Her standard has been higher and purer than that of Congress or the executive, because she alone has been conscious of the amount of her capacity, whom is the measure of her sacrifices, and the depth her loyal and patriotic aspirations. Mark how completely her action corresponds to the requisitions of Congress:

The white male citizens as described in the bill, were enrolled for military service to the number of ——, thousand and ninety eight hundred parishes, preparatory to draft in 1863. Measures have been taken to renew and complete the enrollment in all the parishes.

Every person enrolled who has taken the oath has been invited to participate in the election of delegates to a Constitutional Convention.

Nine thousand nine hundred and fourteen loyal voters have been registered under the ripected oath in the Parish of Orleans alone, and there are from 10,000 to 18,000 voters registered in the State in accordance to the same oath on the parish poll books.

Delegates to the Convention were apportioned to the parishes in accordance with the enrolled electors merely, but of the whole State—and the number fixed as prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the State, "applicable to leg.-ative representation."

Thirty days' notice was given of elections.

Commissioners of Elections have been appointed "according to the laws and usages of the State."

The delegates were chosen by "white male citizens of the United States," 21 years of age, and "the qualifications required by law."

Soldiers who had enlisted in the army from the State were permitted to vote at the polls nearest to their respective commands by regularly appointed commissioners of election, and by officers, where it was impossible for them to vote in established legal precincts.

No law was required to be passed who has held office under the Confederate Government, or who has borne arms against the United States, has participated in the secession movement.

The oath of allegiance prescribed by the act of Congress of 1862, on the "iron-clad" oath of the President's proclamation of December 8, 1863, have been administered to every voter. In most cases both have been administered.

The poll books at all elective precincts, have been kept in accordance with the Provisional Governor of the State.

The Constitution declares the abolition of slavery, prohibits the enacting of similar codes for crimes, and interdicts forever the recognition of property in man. It makes all men equal before the law. It declares that no liability, either State or municipal, shall exist for any debt contracted for on the interest of the rebels against the Government of the United States.

The Convention of Louisiana is thus embodied in the Constitution is that which denies the elective franchise to men who have borne arms against the United States. The Convention would have been entirely adopted that provision; but although the State under the Constitution establishes the conditions of suffrage even for members of Congress, it is the impressionable for Louisiana to overthrow the policy of the General Government in this respect. The principal officer of the Treasury in New Orleans held a conversation in the rebel army, and the quarter master and the chiefs of other departments have been ordered to employ in public service deserters from the enemy. A State cannot well deny the right of suffrage to high and permanent civil officers of the Government. The general policy on this subject ought to be established by the Government, without regard to the action of separate States. It is a question incident to peace and war.

That all the substantive, material conditions of the bill passed by the two Houses of Congress have been anticipated and answered in the elections held in Louisiana. So far as the people are concerned, nothing has been omitted, required by Congress, material to the purity of elections, the loyalty of the people, or the dignity of the representation they have organized in many respects, the results of the popular action have been of a higher character, and have given guarantees of security far beyond those required by Congress. As, for instance, the Provisional Governor authorized by the bill to be appointed by the President has not only been designated and commissioned by him, but has also received the formal approval of the people expressed at a regular election by a large majority of loyal voters.

These are other considerations not appertaining to the government of the State, but relating to the Government of the United States but unworthy consideration, and which may or may not be applied to Louisiana when she asks recognition as one of the States of the Union.

The bill provides that upon the adoption of a Constitution, it shall be transmitted to the President of the United States, and after it has received the assent of Congress, and both Houses of Representatives and Senators may be ordered. This is a question of time, not of principle, and it is doubtless unnecessary for us to say that proceeding. But the doctrine asserted, is one of vital consequence to the people and Government.

The creation or admission of a State requires, in the consent of the people of the State proposed formally expressed. 2d, that of the Executive department. 3d, of the Senate, and 4th, of the House of Representatives. No State can be created or admitted to the Union without the independent consent of each one of these branches of Government. By the Constitution, the consent of each must be independent of the action of others. Thus, the people of a State, the people must consent to perform certain duties incumbent upon citizens of the United States, and to recognize, in what respect the course of public events in Louisiana was in conflict with the plan proposed by Congress.

It was distinctly apparent from the character of the protest, that its authors but imperfectly understood the condition of things, and that their statement, where he may have been, or from whatever source they may have received his information, had unjust them. What influence they may have had upon the President or the people is not in my power, nor within my province to determine. But whatever impression has been made will be eradicated by an earnest, by a knowledge of the facts.

The traditions of Congress, as well as my personal connection with its history, lead me to regard with the highest respect its opinions, and to render to its legislation the most unreserved and hearty support. Nothing, further from their purpose can be conceived than the idea that they would encourage or avail themselves of a temporary difference of opinion between the Executive and legislative branches of the Government, to the embarrassment or defeat of their power. In this feeling, which I know to be honest and general I confide to the fullest extent.

No attempt was given to the provisions of the bill for reconstruction of government in seceding States, and but little interest was manifested in the elections held in Louisiana. So far as the people are concerned, nothing has been omitted, required by Congress, material to the purity of elections, the loyalty of the people, or the dignity of the representation they have organized in many respects, the results of the popular action have been of a higher character, and have given guarantees of security far beyond those required by Congress. As, for instance, the Provisional Governor authorized by the bill to be appointed by the President, has not only been designated and commissioned by him, but has also received the formal approval of the people expressed at a regular election by a large majority of loyal voters.

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