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NEW ORLEANS: FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 19.

VALUABLE IMPROVED REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION BY THE SHERIFF.—Particular attention is called to the sale at auction to be made this day, at noon, at the Merchants' and Auctioneers' Exchange, Royal street, by the sheriff of this Parish, of a two story and attic brick house on the corner of Carondelet and Girod streets, First District of this city. For particulars and terms see advertisement.

The following steamers were advertised in the St. Louis papers of the 13th for this city: The Istan and the Magenta on the 13.h P. M., the W. E. Arthur on the 14th, and the Ben Stickney on the 16.h P. M.

ARRIVAL FROM THE WEST.—The steamer Commonwealth, from St. Louis, arrived yesterday. We have by her Cairo dates of the morning of the 14th, with some additional news, but not materially later, which we give elsewhere.

The officers of this steamer have obliged us with valued favors.

We regret to hear of the expected dissolution of a respected uptown contemporary. It says that, under the effects of the incipient hot season, "it is impossible to be firm" any longer, in which case, it must of course dissolve and go into liquidation.

PERSONAL.—Major Gen. Dana, staff and family arrived last evening on the steamer Joseph Pierce from Vicksburg.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE STEAMER FASHION AT BATON ROUGE.

Later and Important Additional News from the North.

Washington Official Account of the Capture of Jeff. Davis and Family and accompanying Officers.

The Conspiracy Trial—The Court Opened to Reporters—Description of the Prisoners.—The Counsel.—Senator Reverdy Johnson Objected to by the President of the Court on the Ground of his Alleged Disregard for the Sanctity of an Oath—His Answer to the Charge—First Testimony to be Withheld for the Present from the Public.

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Natchez and Vicksburg Items.

(From the Natchez Courier, May 16th.)

IMPORTANT RUMOR, IF TRUE.

We are not of those who wish to circulate rumors, for the sake of contradiction, but the report of Gen. Kirby Smith's assassination has reached us in various ways, and so frequently, within a day or two, that a mention of the rumor will not be considered out of place. We have no particulars, except that it is said he was murdered by his own troops. The rumor is said to have come from Shreveport, by way of Red river.

THE CITY BY GAS LIGHT.

After several months delay in transportation, the lamps for publicly lighting the streets of Natchez arrived in good order. They were promptly placed in position by Messrs. Sawyer & Samson, and are burning every dark night to the great delight of our people. Persons visiting us can again see Natchez by gas light.

MISSISSIPPI RIVER.

Although this river has overflowed almost every levee in Louisiana, opposite, we are informed by those who seem to know, that the water is falling a little. Be that as it may, it will be several weeks, probably, before there is much improvement.

EARLY COTTON GROWTH.

We had the gratification yesterday of examining specimens of this year's growth of cotton on the plantation of Mr. L. Treger. Early as the 12th of May, forms were already to be seen, which in some awkward of the skill and competency of the proprietor in raising and producing the fleecy staple. Who can beat this? Notwithstanding the high water, friend Treger has every prospect of a large crop in return for his labors. What say you Mr. Treger?

(From the Vicksburg Herald, 16th.)

TELEGRAPHIC.

We presume our city will soon be put in tele graphic communication with Jackson, and by that route with the North. Telegraphic poles have already been forwarded to Big Black river, and we suppose will be immediately put up.

COTTON AT JACKSON.

Several of our enterprising merchants have gone out to Jackson to look at the prospect for business at that post. There is cotton on the floor in Jackson, as well as on the brain.

RIVERS AND STEAMBOATS

The river here has receded one inch in the past twenty-four hours. The Yazoo and tributaries are falling very rapidly; we have been without our miscellaneous river news from above for a couple of days.

The DeWar from Yazoo river yesterday with 90 bales of cotton, she reports the Arkansas and Sunflower still rising.

We learn that the Gray Eagle will resume her place in the trade again, commencing on her regular days next week.

(From the Vicksburg Herald, 16th.)

THE MISSISSIPPI LEGISLATURE.

Thursday is the day appointed by Gov. Clark, of Mississippi, for the assemblance of the Legislature. We believe there is no disposition, on the part of the military authorities to interfere with the proposed meeting of the Legislature. It will confine itself solely, we presume, to the business of calling a convention of the people of the State for the purpose of repealing the act of secession, and giving the constitution of the State a free play.

To a free constitution we believe an almost unanimous majority of the people of the State will give their approval. We have not contracted many citizens from the interior who were slaveholders, and they all agree in regarding the institution as dead, and are quite anxious as to what shall become of the negro when he assumes the position of a free man

MAJOR GEN. WARREN.

This distinguished and gallant soldier from the Army of the Potomac arrived in this city on Saturday, to take command of this Department, says the *Herald*. He issued an order on Saturday continuing existing regulations and dispositions of troops.

TELEGRAPH TO JACKSON BY THE 15TH

We learn from one of the engineers on the Southern Railroad that telegraph poles and wires are already up from Vicksburg to Jackson. By the time of the meeting of the Legislature the 15th inst., we will perhaps be in telegraphic communication with Jackson.

MISSISSIPPI CENTRAL RAILROAD

The President of this road announces that the legal issues of the various railroads in the State, by the action of the State of Mississippi, and solvent State banks, and United States currency will all be received at the same rates for freights or passage.

The Conspiracy Trial—Forthcoming Evidence in the Press.

Washington, May 13—The court for the trial of the conspirators admitted reporters for the press this morning.

New York, May 13.—A special to the *Post*, dated Washington, May 18, says. The trial of the conspirators was renewed this morning. It is believed the examination of the eight witnesses who have been on the stand for the past two days was continued.

The Associated Press will soon be furnished with all the evidence deemed proper to publish.

It is understood that eight of the principals in the plot are now on trial.

SPEECH OF GEN KOSCRANS AGAINST THE MEXICAN EXPEDITION—On the 15th inst. Gen Koscrans was in Representatives' Hall, in Boston, and at the close of the session, made a speech in which he said:

"I persons in large letters in the newspapers to-day that General Kosciusko is going to raise twenty-five thousand men to go to Mexico. General Kosciusko is not going to do any such thing. General Kosciusko, as he has said, has fought these patriotic motives than ever have been seen before, and I do not think ever young men, who have fought the desperate battles of the South, will permit themselves to be misled, or should be misled from their bold and honored course by any pioneering expedition."

(From the South Carolina Army Correspondence of the New York Tribune.)

General Johnston received me with a quiet, courteously courtesy, and as he was not occupied at the time, I began without apparent constraint or reserve. He spoke in a low tone of voice, slowly, and with that deliberation which would lead one into the idea that each word is well weighed, for it is always the best word, and fully expresses his idea. He is about fifty, say five feet five inches high, with a full silver and gray beard and features of dark Anglo-Saxon, which darken during animated conversation with a peculiar expression. His complexion is brownish, as he is fresh and healthy, and the expression of his features benevolent, mixed with firmness and great nobility of character. He has a way of musing off at times, which is a marked peculiarity. His forehead is high and intellectual, and his figure slight, with a head well and finely kept. His manners are very easy as a "high-toned, benevolent gentleman", and he appears, within the character ascribed to him by Mr. W. W. Shaffer, of Raleigh.

"The surrender of Lee's army terminated the war," he said, "and nothing remained for us but to make the best terms we could." This view he expressed to Mr. Davis, who sent for him to meet him at Greensborough, shortly following that event. General Sherman, he said, was then just moving from Goldsborough. He urged Mr. Davis to accept the situation, and not attempt to prolong the war, which must be hopeless, and could only result in needlessly devastating the country and wasting valuable lives—which was a crime.

These views he subsequently expressed to the Governors of four States in the shape of the following telegram:

Greensborough, April 30, 1865.

"To his Excellency Joseph E. Brown, Augusta, Georgia; A. G Magrath, Governor of South Carolina, Spartanburg, via Chester, S. C. John Milton, Florida:

"The disaster in Virginia; the capture by the enemy of all our workshops for the preparation of ammunition and repairing arms; the impossibility of recruiting our little army, opposed by more than ten times its number, of supplying it except by robbing our own citizens, destroyed all hope of successful war I have, therefore, made a military convention with General Sherman, to terminate hostilities in North and South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

"I made this convention to spare the blood of the gallant little army committed to me, to prevent further sufferings of our people by the devastation and ruin inevitable from the march of invading armies, and to avoid the crime of waging hopeless war.

"(Signed) J. E. JOHNSTON, General."

Upon parting with General Johnston, one feels that Providence must have ordained that men of such marked character should have become identified with the rebellion, to give it that stability without which it could never have been prolonged for the time necessary to achieve the great purposes Heaven had in view.

He had noticed that the papers were severely criticising General Sherman. I said, "Yes, the Government, we think and the public, share the idea that General Sherman had been overreached in the negotiations, that they were more liberal than were asked for, and such as would have been gladly accepted by the South at any time during the last two or three years, that they looked to a reconstruction of all the rebel States upon terms which involved the possible payment of the rebel debt, and reopening of the whole question of slavery, which, all feel, the war has definitely settled." He replied: "It was the basis made of a settlement intended for the approval or rejection of the respective Governments—but a final convention. Generals in the field had often terminated wars in that way and Napoleon, during the Italian campaigns, settled affairs in a similar way. There were two methods of proceeding with the South—to pacify or punish. He thought there had been pains enough in both parties in the war itself. There had been too dotted enough. General Sherman thought it would be best for the country and all concerned that the Union should be restored at once, and not by slow degrees.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

First District Court—Judge Abell.—In the Bureau No. 1 Criminal Court—Judge Rogers—part and St. Claude, an appalling murder was committed on the 31 of October 1865, on the person of Andrea Manuel, a negro-cook.

Frederico Afad confessed, was positively tried on the charge of having committed that foul murder. The accused had been enjoying the hospitality of the deceased and was even leaving the premises about the time of the murder with a Banana handkerchief, watch and ring, which were found on his person. He had taken refuge on the Spanish shipbrig Two Gray and White, arrested confessed the murder and the taking of the property to officer Cano. Mr Castellanos made a very able defence, trying to prove his alibi. The jury took the case under deliberation

The jury brought in a verdict of "guilty."

United States District Court—Judge Duvel.—Six lots of ground were released to the intervenor Richard Salter, the libel having designated it as the property of C Salter.

The libel against the lands, lock, cooper and two lots of ground of Wm Kountz, 220 Canal street was not proven and the property released to the claimant.

In the case of the U. S vers the household effects of D. W Brickell two claimants entered rules asking that certain parts of the property be required to them. The court decided that parties claiming property could not proceed by way of rules.

Police Courts—George Freeman and John Baptiste were before Recorder Wadley for the first District Court, to answer the charge of having feloniously sold a stolen mule bought by Mr Barnett for his store.

Isaac Kaes, as prosecutor, was fined $10 for bringing an unfounded charge of insult and abuse against Mr and Mrs. Levy.

Sundry others were disorderly, etc., were disposed of with the usual fines, &c.

Probate Court — Judge N. Lieber — Mary Lewis, for selling liquor to soldiers, was fined $25.

Pat McNamara was acquitted on the charge of horse stealing.

Thomas Slocumb, who maltreated a drunken soldier, was sent to the Work-House for three months.

The late homicide.—Geo. King plead guilty to the charge of having murdered his brother-in-law McGuigan. The prisoner stated that he was actuated by passion and revenge, because deceased had said, that the sister of prisoner, who died two months ago, was the mother of eight of McGuigan's children, was not married to him. Accused said that he sought deceased for revenge and killed him with a knife. He denied the intimation that he was crazy, believing consequently that any one who said so was scoundrel. The case went to the First District Court.

Garrison and Phillips.

With the case of two new, three renowned anti-slavery leaders, the Garrison and Politx of radical Abolition, who had so long battled abreast for their common cause, have developed at last an irreconcilable antagonism of opinion. Garrison conceived that the work of overthrow of slavery the work of Abolition was done, and proposed, therefore, to dissolve the Anti-Slavery Society of which he was the President.

Wendell Phillips was not willing to disband the organization, to bury the militant body of its cause and rest content with apotheosizing its spirit. According to him, its mission was not completed, but its important purpose almost only began. Granting, he argued, the slave to be practically freed, even legally emancipated, yet he would wear invisible fetters and groan under virtual bondage, until divested of all marks of political and social inferiority.

The champions of his rights, therefore, could not, consistently and honorably lay aside their weapons, while he should be debarred in any measure from the same social opportunities with the whites or excluded from a single political franchise whether pertaining to suffrage or official competency.

These diverging views were put to the vote at the meeting of the Anti-Slavery Society in New York on the 10th, when Lloyd Garrison's proposition to dissolve was rejected by a vote of 118 to 18 Garrison, in consequence, resigned, and his old and eloquent colaborer, Phillips, was elected in his place.

We see here only a natural development of radical philosophy everywhere, in all time, and on all questions. Radicalism never expires with a single victory. The accomplishment of one special labor is but the starting point in the pursuit of a new object, and at that point will always recur in the very ranks of radicalism the ancient and endless struggle between the radical and conservative—between those who are content to rest and those who will never rest content.

The less radical elements are thrown off as useless excess, though once they may have served an unpenetrable armor in an irresistible impact, and the more radical march on, shining in new helms and under banners blazoned with new devices, to seek new enemies and make new conquests.

Thus we see the veteran Garrison retiring from the conflict, and the tireless Phillips, with undimmed enthusiasm, leading in a mission which aims at the most transcendental deductions of radical logic, the farthest reach of radical hope and aspiration, on the question which set so long and so exclusively engaged his labors.

NAPOLEON'S JOURNEY TO ALGERIA.—The Paris *Patrie* of the 25th ult., says: "The departure of the Emperor for Algeria is fixed at present for Saturday the 29th. His Majesty will stop at Lyons for the night, and will resume his journey Sunday morning for Marseilles."

General Rosecrans, who in a recent dispatch was designated as a leader of a projected expedition to Mexico, made a speech in Boston on the 11th, according to another dispatch, denouncing armed or hostile emigration to that country.

FRENCH-ENGLISH TREATY PROJECT.—In *La France* (Paris) of the 25th ult., we read a positive contradiction of the London *Morning Advertiser* story to the effect that, immediately after receiving news of the fall of Richmond, the French Emperor proposed to Lord Cowley a treaty offensive and defensive against the United States, with mutual guarantees for the safety of Canada and the integrity of the Mexican Empire. "This whole story," says *La France*, "is a pure invention."

The steamer Atlantic, Capt. Carter, from St. Louis, has arrived with additional Western papers of the 13th. Her clerk, Mr. Henry Detrich, has our thanks for polite attentions.

The *French Monitor*, in an article on the best mode of laying down a submarine cable, proposes a system of buoys supporting it in mid-water.

Ex-President Franklin Pierce, it is said, will be married next month to a second wife.

The Emperor Napoleon's Life of Julius Cæsar is generally published before it is for sale in Paris, by a "Life of Napoleon III." It is reported that the Emperor has written to request the first mentioned work to be withdrawn from publication. He is said to be much annoyed that the publication should have occurred at this juncture.

Two French Princes are now [illegible] leading Rebels in the United States.

The Suit Against General Butler in New York.

(From the New York Herald, 9th.)

COURT OF COMMON PLEAS—CHAMBERS.

Before Judge Brady.

May 8—Samuel Smith vs. Benjamin F. Butler.—The issue of law upon the demurrer in the above case was argued before Justice Brady at the April term. The defendant claimed that the alleged seizure of the plaintiff's gold in New Orleans was purely a tort, for which he could not be sued in this State, but only in Louisiana, where the cause of action arose. The plaintiff claimed that the cause of action was not local, but that the defendant was liable wherever found.

His Honor Justice Brady this morning filed his decision overruling the demurrer, and giving the defendant leave to answer within twenty days, on payment of the costs of the demurrer, otherwise, judgment for the plaintiff. The following brief opinion was filed:—

Brady, Justice—I deem it only necessary to say that the question presented by the demurrer, and argued in this case, was passed upon adversely to the defendant at the general term of this Court, held in February, 1865, in the case of the City Bank vs. Lumley.

John K Hacket for the defendant. A Brown for the plaintiff.

Dr. Gwin's "onors Schemr.

The Democratic *Press* of San Francisco, which claims to have special and exclusive sources of information, denies the report that the much talked of Sonora colonization scheme has fallen through, and says:

"The arrangements between Gwin and the Emperors of France and Mexico, which we published in January, come to us direct from the city of Mexico, under the endorsement of the Marquis of Montholon, the French Minister, and the next mail of Maximilian, the Emperor, through accredited agents of both powers. If there has been any change in the arrangements since, there are no means by which the fact could have reached the public prints of the United States or here, in advance of our advices upon the same subject. We are yet in ignorance of any such change.

We have heard of no further sales of Stock since the 60 shares Gas Light, noticed in our last report, at $110 00. The Atlantic Company was quoted at 76 @ 76¾ and the Mississippi at 71 @ 71½ buyers 60 days. The principal feature of the Bank stock market was a rather active movement in the Bank of Louisiana bills at 55½ @ 56 cents per dollar. The sales including $10,000 at 55½ @ 55¾ cents per dollar, Bank of Commerce at 78 @ 78½ and the latter at 78½ @ 79.

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MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

BEE OFFICE,
THURSDAY EVENING, May 18 1865.

The commercial week closes to-day with only a moderate movement in our leading staple, and but little animation in any other branch of trade in the former, however, the demand was better than at any previous period of the week. Its sales reaching 3550 bales, while the aggregate of the previous five days was barely 1620, exhibiting a marked contrast with last week when the business summed up 2650 bales Prices have been irregular, advancing on last Saturday, but subsequently falling away, and closing at a falling off of 2@3s from last Thursday's quotations. The receipts have been limited, (about 800 bales), included in them we noticed 7 bales from Selma, Ala., which came to hand this morning via Mobile and the Lake, consigned to Mr J. Norman Jackson. As many of the Alabama planters who have saved such small lots may prefer to place them in the market, it is not improbable we may receive further light receipts from the same section.

The gold market opened dull and heavy, but subsequently evinced more spirit. Prices ranged from 125 to 129 per cent dlfter, but to-day Currency was the only thing active, the demand being principally confined to the brokers. The close it was quoted at 127 to 1.3, against 126 to 129 last evening. Nothing was reported in silver, but American half dollars are quoted at 118 to 120 and Mexican dollars at 124 to 126 There is some little interest felt in the sale of 11,2.0 Sovereigne, by the United States Marshal, to-morrow.

The Banks rather relaxed their pretensions, but with the exception we have little variation to notice in Foreign Exchange. The only thing including included a good private bill at 1.0½, £1000 first class do at 141 1|2, and £ 0 0 41 by one of the Banks at 142 1|2 to 143 including one bill for £2400 at 142 1|2. Another Bank asked 147 1|2. The rest would not name a rate. The amount of Francs reported was small, private bills for 20,000 at 9½ One of the Banks asked 5.5, but others held higher.

Domestic Exchange continued very quiet, the Banks and dealers checking on New York Sight was passed at par, and a remittance noted at ¼ premium.

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COMMERCIAL.

OFFICE OF THE BEE,
Thursday Evening, May 18 1865.

Cotton.—The movement in this staple to-day and the business on a fair extent, but at no regular prices, the sales reaching 3000 bales, closing 50 bales reloaded not stated as to quality. Prices were irregular, but closed with an unevenly advancing tendency, which the lower sales will be noticed. Low ordinary remained as quoted yesterday, good ordinary at 37. 40 low to middling at —, 42 strict low middling at 44 and middling at 47 @ 48. We now quote ordinary at 37 @ 40, good ordinary at 41 @ 43, low middling at 44 @ 46, strict low middling at 47 @ 48, middling at 49 @ 50. Receipts 800 bales against receipts of a little over 800.

Sugar and Molasses.—The market is very dull, and prices were nominal to-day. There is a considerable quantity of Sugar and Herring, but buyers cannot be induced to come forward although we understand they are willing to make concessions. A day or two since, a small lot of good fair Louisiana Sugar, the ingenuous quarter, sold at 14c ₱ lb. There is no movement in Molasses. The market is bare of the Louisiana product. A lot of one hundred barrels prime Louisiana sold yesterday at 85c ₱ gallon. The supply of Cuba Molasses is fair, but very slow and difficult of sale.

Produce and Provisions—Bacon—The Western Produce market is mostly of a nominal character, the only sale of any account to note to-day were 80 bbls fine Pilot at $7 50; 20 do superfine at $8, 100 choice superfine at $8 50 @ 9, 100 do extra at $9 50 @ 10, 100 do Mess Corn at $16 ₱ bushel, and 100 sacks Kentucky Bagging at private terms. Yesterday our sales were Corn Meal 200 bbls at $12 ₱ bbl which are withheld.

The receipts of the leading articles of produce for the week comprise 800 bales Cotton, 1000 bbls Flour, 1000 sacks Corn, 1000 bbls Pork, 2000 bbls Mess Beef mostly for the Government, 100 casks Bacon, 1500 bbls Flour, 1 cargo Corn, 1 cargo Hay, 1 cargo Oats, 1 cargo Potatoes, 1 cargo Onions, 1 cargo Cabbages, 1 cargo Cucumbers, 1 cargo Peas, 1 cargo Beans, 1 cargo Tomatoes, 1 cargo Peppers, 1 cargo Eggplants, 1 cargo Okra