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Military Notices.

HEADQUARTERS CRESCENT REGIMENT, New Orleans, Dec. 2, 1861.

SPECIAL ORDERS NO. 5—AN ELECTION will be held by the members of Washington Guard, at their hall, on WEDNESDAY, 4th inst., at 8 o'clock P. M., to fill the vacancy occasioned by the promotion of Capt. A. W. Bosworth to the Major of the Regiment, as well as any other vacancies that may occur.

II—Major A. W. Bosworth is detailed to preside at said election, and will make returns to Headquarters according to law.

By order of MARSHALL J. SMITH, Colonel.

RICHD. S. VENABLE, Adjutant. dd 1t

ARMORY CRESCENT RIFLES, COMPANY D, No. 10 St. Charles-st., New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1861.

AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THIS Company, held this evening, the following officers were elected:

A. F. Haynes, Captain, vice G. P. McPherson, promoted.
R. H. Macmurdo, 1st Lieutenant, vice A. F. Haynes, promoted.
C. G. Southmayd, 2d Lieutenant, vice R. L. Macmurdo, promoted.

By order: C. G. SOUTHMAYD, Sec'y.

dd 1t

HEADQUARTERS, LOUISIANA FIRE BATTALION, New Orleans, Nov. 30, 1861.

AT AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF the Commissioned Officers of the Company attached to this Battalion, held THIS DAY, at the Hall of Lafayette Hook and Ladder Company No. 1, the following Field Officers were elected, viz:

Lieutenant-Colonel, A. M. SUMMERS.
Major, HENRIK SPRGES.
Capt. JAS. BRGGS, President.
J. FOLGER, Acting Secretary. d2 3t

HEADQUARTERS PANOLA GUARDS, New Orleans, Nov. 30, 1861.

PANOLA GUARD! ATTENTION!—YOU are hereby ordered to attend Company drills every Monday evening, at 8 o'clock, and Battalion drill every Thursday, at 3 o'clock P. M.

Members are required to be punctual. Those missing three consecutive drills, will be reported from the Company. Days for Squad drills posted at the Armory.

By order of J. VIENNE, Captain.
J. K. BAILEY, O. S. c28 1t

HEADQUARTERS RIFLES GUARD, Mechanics' Institute, New Orleans, Nov. 29, 1861.

ATTENTION, RIFLES GUARD.—YOU are hereby ordered to attend Company drills every Monday and Friday, punctually at 8 o'clock P. M., for drill. First Squad, every Tuesday and Thursday. Second Squad, every Wednesday and Saturday, at 8 o'clock P. M. Fines for non-attendance will be rigidly enforced.

By order of GEO. W. HELME, Captain.
A. R. LEVEES, Acting O. S. n29 1t

HEADQUARTERS MILES ARTILLERY, Co. A, Mechanics' Press Yard, No. 5, New Orleans, Nov. 22, 1861.

THIS COMPANY HAVING BEEN recruited to its service, will take a few more good men, if applied for in person immediately. Apply at corner Fecat Levee and Market street. Uniforms, etc., furnished. n22 1t

HEADQUARTERS MAGNOLIA GUARDS, Armory Hall, St Camp street, New Orleans, November 15, 1861.

ATTENTION—OFFICERS AND MEMBERS ARE hereby ordered to a tent drill every MONDAY, WEDNESDAY and FRIDAY.

Punctual attendance is requested. Fines for non-attendance will be rigidly enforced.

By order of R. M. MONTGOMERY, Captain.
M. J. GRAHY, O. S. n16 tf

LINTON LIGHT INFANTRY—THE MEMbers of this Company are hereby notified to attend the regular drills at No 16, Perdido street, on MONDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 8½ o'clock P. M.

By order of P. GRANDPRE, Capt.
J. E. JONES, O. S. n15 tf

HEADQUARTERS WASHINGTON GUARDS, Armory Hall, St Camp street, New Orleans, Nov. 2, 1861.

ORDER No. 3—DRILLS OF THIS COMPANY will be as follows, till further orders:

1st Squad, Mondays and Wednesdays, at 4 o'clock P. M.
2d Squad, Tuesdays at 5 o'clock P. M. and Fridays at 4 o'clock P. M.
3d Squad, Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, at 4 o'clock P. M., and Tuesdays at 10 o'clock P. M.

Battalion drill every Saturday, at 2½ o'clock P. M.
Company meets every Saturday at 4½ o'clock P. M.

GEO. O. BRAHE, O. S. A. W. BOSWORTH, Capt. n2 1t

HEADQUARTERS ORLEANS HOWITZERS, New Orleans, Oct. 12, 1861.

THE DRILLS OF THIS COMPANY will be as follows:

1. Squads Drill, MONDAYS, at 4½ P. M.
2. Squad Drill, WEDNESDAYS, at 4½ P. M.
3. Full Drill, FRIDAYS.
4. SATURDAYS.
5. Company drill, TUESDAYS and FRIDAYS, at 5 o'clock.

By order of S. J. McPHERSON, Captain.
WALTER S. CRAWFORD, O. S. o14 tf

HEADQUARTERS 1ST BRIGADE 1ST DIVISION LOUISIANA VOLUNTEER TROOPS, New Orleans, Oct. 10, 1861.

ORDER No. 77—IN ORDERING TO ORder in Detail, Brigade Commanders of Regiments and unattached Companies will at once furnish a complete roll of their Regiments and Companies to the Brigade Inspector, giving residence and residence of each member.

II. They will also report all persons refusing to comply with Orders No. 104 from the Quartermaster General's Office.

A prompt compliance with this order is expected without further notice.

By order of L. A. CHARBONNET, Colonel Commanding.
J. F. CALDWELL, Major and Brigade Inspector. o10 tf

ATTENTION, VOLUNTEERS!—A NEW company of active and able bodied MEN will be received in the BONFORD GUARDS. A fine opportunity is offered to those wishing to go into immediate active service.

Rations and clothing will also be furnished.

Apply at the Armory, 61 CUSTOMEGUSE STREET, opposite.

HEADQUARTERS CONTINENTAL GUARDS, Armory, New Orleans, Oct. 2, 1861.

ATTENTION! YOU ARE HEREBY ORDERED to attend Squad Drills on TUESDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, THURSDAYS and SATURDAYS, from 5 to 7 o'clock P. M. Company Drills on THURSDAYS, at 8 o'clock P. M.

Strict obedience to order No. 187, issued by his Excellency Governor T. O. Moore, Commander-in-Chief, will be strictly enforced.

Members not reporting at once for duty will be promptly reported to Headquarters.

By order W. F. HODGKINS, Captain.
J. K. RICHARDS, O. S.

HEADQUARTERS CRESCENT CITY GUARDS, Company B, No. 2 Company street, Oct. 9, 1861.

COMPANY DRILLS OF THIS CORPS will take place every MONDAY and FRIDAY EVENINGS, at 4½ o'clock. Squad Drill every TUESDAY and THURSDAY EVENINGS, at 5 o'clock. Punctual attendance is requested. Fines for non-attendance will be rigidly enforced, and members absenting themselves habitually will be reported to Militia Headquarters.

By order GEO. SOULE, Captain.
CHARLES GETTICK, First Sergeant. n26 1t

PRIZE BOAT BUILDER OF THE SOUTH!

J. MAHONY, Algiers, La.

Will furnish, at the shortest notice, and on the most approved models, Pleasure and Race Yachts, Club and Skeleton Row Boats, Ship, Schooner and Steamboat Yawls, Skiffs and Row Boats, of all descriptions, built at the shortest notice.

—Also on hand—

Oars, Spars, Blocks, and everything appertaining to Yacht Rigging, on hand and for sale on the lowest market prices.

n26 1yAW

THE FLAG OF THE SOUTH.

Nearly Printed in Colors, on ENVELOPES, LETTER PAPER, CARDS or BILL HEADS, —As well as every description of— Printing, Ruling and Book-Binding Promptly Executed by Steam Power, at REA'S ROTARY PRESS OFFICE, 42 Magazine street, Adjoining the St. James Hotel. n23 1yAW

ROBERT L. CRAWLEY— COMMISSION MERCHANT, In Franklin Building, (Alabama street,) ATLANTA, GEORGIA.

Sells Sugar, Molasses and Syrup, and retails promptly as directed.

Mr. Crawley is a very clever gentleman, and worthy a patronage. [Intelligencer.] n8 1m&W

C. ROYAL, SAILMAKER, Nos. 13 Canal and 17 Crossman streets, Sign of the Root Hog or Die.

Manufacturer of all kinds of Duck and Fancy AWNINGS, TENTS, TARPAULINS, etc. Also all kinds of FLAGS and BANNERS, suitable for companies or other purposes, with Flagstaffs to suit, Fall and Purchase Ropes, Slings, etc., fitted and furnished to order at the shortest notice. BLOCKS of all sizes ready strapped; likewise, all kinds of heavy BLOCKS, SPARS and RIGGING, suitable for raising machinery or any other heavy material.

I have likewise on hand a fine lot of SPRUCE SPARS, which I offer for sale On any Cash.

All of the above articles can be found at Nos. 13 Canal and 17 Crossman streets, New Orleans.

N. B. Sail and Rigging work in all its branches, and country orders promptly filled at the shortest possible notice. n19 1yAW

NEW INFIRMARY.

DR. REYNOLDS, THE UNRIVALLED CANCER DOCTOR,

Would inform his friends and the public that he has rented and completely fitted up an Infirmary, the spacious and elegant mansion, No. 19 Baronne street, between Canal and Common streets, where he will devote all his attention to the CURE of CANCERS in their worst forms, Scald Heads, White Swellings, and Ulcers of every description.

He refers, with much pleasure, to the annexed certificate of MADAM A. CHAPPELL, a well-known and highly respectable lady of this city:

[Copy of Certificate.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 12, 1861.

This is to certify that the undersigned, a resident of the city of New Orleans for a number of years, and now residing at No 232 Rentz street, had been for a long time afflicted with a Cancer in her breast. In order to have it removed, the undersigned applied to Dr. Warren Stone, who operated on it, three different times without effecting a cure. Subsequently, I applied to DR. REYNOLDS under whom treatment the Cancer was effectually removed, and a perfect cure was made. I take this means of doing justice to Dr. Reynolds, and in order that others, similarly afflicted, may avail themselves of his valuable services.

A. CHAPPELL.

n11 tf

GORDON, W. & CO., DEALERS IN FLOUR, corner Levee and New Levee streets. n12 1y

PERSON, HARRISON & CO., DEALERS IN Flour, No. 1 Magazine, corner Canal street.

CRASTAS & CO., COMMISSION MERCHANTS, No. 1 Commercial Place, Orleans-street.

PERSEPE, G., GENERAL VARIETY Store, No. 172 Canal street.

Military Notices.

HEADQUARTERS CRESCENT BLUES, Corner Camp and Naches streets, New Orleans, Dec. 2, 1861.

CRESCENT BLUES—THE OFFICERS AND members of this corps are hereby notified to attend the regular monthly meeting, at their Armory, on WEDNESDAY EVENING, 4th inst., at 7 o'clock, precisely.

JAMES FICTON, Secretary. d2 1t

HEADQUARTERS CRESCENT ARTILLERY, New Orleans, Dec. 2, 1861.

WANTED—THIRTY MEN OF GOOD MORAL character to complete a detachment of the Crescent Artillery, to go to Columbus, Ky., for the purpose of operating Heavy guns. Per six of enlistment not to exceed sixty days. Unless this Company is made up by THURSDAY MORNING next, it is impossible to go. Applications can be made at Messrs. Belden & Eames, corner of Magazine and Gravier streets. Uniforms furnished.

H. F. WADE, Jr., Captain. d3 1t

HEADQUARTERS ORLEANS CADETS, Co. F, New Orleans, Dec. 3, 1861.

FOR IMMEDIATE ACTIVE SERVICE.—Wanted, ten young men of good character to fill up the ranks of the above Company. Application can be made at the Armory, Room 13, Merchants' Exchange. Uniforms and equipments furnished by the Company.

L. PUJO, Jr. BOLDEAR, Captain.
G. WM. DEBRIAHN, O. S. d3 1t

BEAUREGARD BATTALION BATTERY—The Headquarters of the above Company has been permanently fixed at No. 71 Tchoupitoulas street, near corner Poydras and Lafayette streets.

The members are hereby ordered to meet EVERY EVENING, at 4½ o'clock, (except Sundays) for drill. A few more good men wanted. By order of

R. D. TURNER, Captain.

HEADQUARTERS, 57 St. Charles street.

CLAY GUARD, FOR HOME SERVICE. All applications for membership in this corps are to be made in writing at headquarters. A stand of Mini Rifles with Saber Bayonets has been secured. Costs for uniforms furnished to all members free of charge.

By order of R. S. DERICKSON, Captain.
JOHN L. MINOR, Secretary. n29 1t

HEADQUARTERS FIFTH COMPANY BATTALION WASHINGTON ARTILLERY, New Orleans, Nov. 12, 1861.

ORDER No. 229—ORDER No. 23, ISSUED by Home Headquarters, under date of October 22, 1861, in relation to drills, is hereby discontinued.

The drills of the company, from this date, will be as follows: Battery Drills every Tuesday and Friday, at 4 P. M.

1st and 2d Detachments every Monday, at 4½ P. M.
3d and 4th Detachments every Wednesday, at 4½ P. M.
5th and 6th Detachments every Saturday, at 4½ P. M.
Company drill (infantry) every THURSDAY, at 4½ P. M.

All officers, active and honorary, and constituting honorary, will conform to this order.

Fines for non-attendance at these drills will be rigidly enforced.

By order W. IRVING HODGSON, Captain.
J. W. DEMERITT, O. S. n18 tf

HEADQUARTERS LOVELL GUARDS, 172 Poydras street, New Orleans, Nov. 7, 1861.

LOVELL GUARDS—BY ORDER OF MAJOR General John L. Lewis, Major Reid's mounting, an election for Commissioned Officers of this Company took place this evening, and the following named gentlemen were duly elected—

Philip McGuire, Captain.
John J. Metcalfe, 1st Lieutenant, by acclamation.
Samuel Birchfield, 2d

The Company will meet on Tuesday and Thursday of each week, for regular drills, and on each Saturday evening for Squad drill, at 7 o'clock P. M.

A few more men will be accepted to fill up the ranks.

R. LITTLE, Sec'y. n8 tf

HEADQUARTERS CRESCENT GUARD, Corner Natchez and Camp streets, New Orleans, Oct. 7, 1861.

CRESCENT BLUES—THE DRILLS OF COMpany A from this date will be as follows:

I.—Company Drills, MONDAYS and WEDNESDAYS, at 5 o'clock P. M., in Citizens' Dress.

II.—Battalion Drills on FRIDAYS, at 4 o'clock, P. M., in full uniform.

Monthly business meetings first Wednesday in each month, at 7 o'clock P. M. Order No. 187, issued by the Governor and Commander-in-Chief, will be strictly enforced.

By order of JOHN KNIGHT, Captain.
of 17 JULIAN GREEN, O. S. n7 tf

HEADQUARTERS LOUISIANA STATE GUARD, No. C, New Orleans, Nov. 1, 1861.

THE DRILLS OF THIS COMPANY FROM this date, will be as follows:

Company drill, 1st Tuesday in each month, in full uniform, every Monday and Thursday evenings, at 4½ o'clock.

Squad Drills—First Squad, every Tuesday evening, at 4½ o'clock. Second Squad, every Friday evening, at 4½ o'clock.

By order of SAM. PILSBURY, Captain.
JULIAN GREEN, O. S. n7 tf

P. FIEROBE, FRENCH AND ZOUAVE TAILOR, No. 93 Conti street, between Bourbon and Dauphin, Formerly Army Tailor in Algeria, France. Military Uniforms, and clothing for Gentlemen and Children, made to order in the best style, and at the shortest notice, on the most reasonable terms. n26 3m

COAL OIL AND LAMPS— —FOR SALE BY— DAVID HILL, No. 243 Camp street, Between St. Joseph and Delord streets, New Orleans.

GAS FITTER AND PLUMBER, —And Dealer in— Gas Fixtures, Pipe, Fittings, Plumbing Materials, etc., etc. Dwellings, Stores, Offices, etc., Fitted for Gas or Water, at short notice.

—Also— Consumers GAS WORKS, for COAL or ROSIN.

Orders left in box 158 Mechanics' Exchange, will be promptly attended to.

Reference—Mr. Artemon Hill, No. 6 Chartres street New Orleans. fel 1y

SOUTHERN SHOE MANUFACTURING COMPANY.

Depot, No. 24 St. Charles street.

FACTORY, Nos. 19 AND 21 ST. FERDINAND STREET.

Are now manufacturing a superior quality of Pump, Wax and Double-Soled Out Turned BUSKIN SHOES, to which they invite the attention of those having to purchase this article. These Shoes are branded on the bottom "Southern Shoe Factory, New Orleans," and can be obtained only at the Depot of the Company.

GEO. H. ROBERT, Sec'y. at 1y

WALL PAPER.....WALL PAPER.

J. J. EVERS, 62 Chartres street.

Wholesale and Retail Dealer in French and American PAPER HANGINGS, Borders, Cornices, Oaks and Marbles, in every variety.

Particular attention paid in all work in his line. n17 1y

R. F. ASKEW, G. P. SMOOTE, J. P. AUSTIN. ASKEW, SMOOTE & AUSTIN— ATTORNEYS AT LAW, Magnolia, Columbia Co., Ark.

—References— Henderson, Terry & Co., C. Yale Jr., & Co., A. T. Hawthorn W. H. Smith. fe22tf

NOTICE TO CARPENTERS AND BUILDERS.

PATENT SAWED WHATHERBOARDING, Both Rough and Dressed, from the very best YELLOW PINE and CYPRESS timber, for sale in lots to suit purchaser, at the LOWEST MARKET PRICE.

n19 1y SPAR PLANTING MILL, New Basin.

CITIZENS INSURANCE COMPANY— Office No. 3 Carondelet street.

Capital, $371,720 38.

OMER GAILLARD, President.....A. SCHREIBER, Secretary.

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Geo. W. West, B. F. Hunt, Jaques A. Waite, M. Musson, Douglas West, Martin Gordon, Jr., D. Jamison, Numa Augustin, Ar. Mitscherlich, Cleaire Olivier, J. Leisy, A. Bohn.

Omer Gaillard.

The Company insures against the perils of it cases and river, and loss and damage by fire at the current rates of premium. n24

SUNDRIES IN STORE.

PORTS—100 ½ casks Crown brand.
SHERRY—25 ½ cases Crown brand.
5 ½ casks Cabinet.
2 ½ casks Lopez extra.
RED WINES—40 casks Margaux.
20 casks Carbonne.
500 cases Lecompte & Co.
200 cases Larrondo Cierro.
140 casks Leys Rousset.
81 cases Gerard Bordeaux.
WHITE WINES—2 cases Chateau Yquem.
10 ubls. Sauterne.
PRUNES—6 cases, in jars.
PEAS—30 cases, in ½ boxes.
PEPPERS—10 cases, in ½ boxes.
PEPPERS PIRS—10 cases, in ½ boxes.
STRAWBERRIES—80 cases in juice.
CHAMPAGNE—1000 packages,
To Baskets and cases,
Such as Heidsieck & Co.,
Roederer, Clicquot,
Sebon, Cabaret and
Impriale—in quarts and pints,
and half-pints.

For sale by S. D. GRATIAN & CO., d1 tf 59 Gravier-st. cor. Carondelet street.

WINES, WINES, ETC.—

CLARET—600 cases Klepper's Margaux.
500 ... St. Estephe.
400 ... St. Julien.
ALE—320 casks Margett's East India Pale.
200 ... E. & J. Hibson's East India Pale.
75 ... Bass' ... ...
50 ... Alsop's ... ...
PORTER—400 casks E. & J. Hibson's London stout.
300 ... Margett's ... ...
SHERRY—40 ½ casks Harmony Nephew's.
WHISKY—70 bbls. Old Bourbon.
8 ... Rye.
PUNCH—1 hg boxes Batavia Arrac.

For sale by S. WOLFE, fe10 cor. Gravier and New Levee streets.

EXCHANGE ON RICHMOND, VIRGINIA—Such checks on Richmond, Petersburg, Lynchburg, and Norfolk, for sale in sums to suit purchasers, by

BROWN, JOHNSON & CO., jy2 tf 49 Union street.

New Orleans Daily Crescent.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 4, 1861.

Local Intelligence.

FREE MARKET.—The number of families supplied at the Free Market yesterday reached 1865. The following is the distribution: 2000 loaves of bread, 175 bushels cornmeal, 11 bbls. sugar, 9 bbls. molasses, 9 beeves, 13 kits mackerel, 2 boxes codfish, 2 sacks salt, 89 sacks sweet potatoes, 28 sacks turnips, 559 cabbages, 230 bunches greens, 300 bunches leeks, 200 bunches turnips, 630 pumpkins, and 2 bbls. vinegar.

ALARM OF FIRE.—An alarm of fire was given yesterday evening, a little before 6 o'clock. It was caused by the burning of a chimney on Frenchmen street, near Morales.

ESCAPED FROM PRISON.—Geo. Brown, confined in the Parish Prison, awaiting examination on the charge of shooting with intent to kill, took leave of that institution yesterday morning. Prompt measures will be adopted for his re-arrest.

SENT BEFORE THE FIRST DISTRICT COURT.—Ed. Dubecq, who was before Recorder Gastinel on a charge of receiving stolen property, was yesterday committed for trial before the First District Court. And so was Henry Chaffan, who is accused of assault and battery upon the gentle and fragile Ada Clifton.

HAD A WATCH.—Antonio Nigré, a customer of the Second District lock-up, was arrested yesterday as a vagrant. A rather curious piece of property—a gold watch—for a vagrant, was found upon his person. The watch is marked "L. B. & Co., No. 2568."

INQUEST.—An inquest was held yesterday morning by Coroner Beach upon the body of Michael Downey, found at No. 42 Girod street. Deceased was 50 years old and a native of Ireland. Verdict, apoplexy.

BOARD OF ALDERMEN.—This Board met last evening pursuant to adjournment. The following resolutions were adopted:

A resolution to appoint a committee to inquire into the practicability of building war vessels for the defence of the city. Messrs. Wiltz, Hodgkins and Cox were appointed.

A resolution relating to an act authorizing the city to issue $600,000 in bonds.

Bills from John E. Holland, J. T. Monroe, H. T. Ward and L. Moreau, as Assistant Recorders, were passed.

An appropriation of $550 to J. C. Wingard to assist him in the construction of an improved rifled cannon, was granted.

A resolution authorizing the Street Commissioner to fill up the ditches on the fortifications on White and Esplanade streets was referred.

The Board then went into secret session with the Lower Board.

BOARD OF ASSISTANT ALDERMEN.—This Board met last evening in regular weekly session, Hon. James Beggs, President pro tem., in the chair, and a quorum present.

The ordinance to establish a uniform rate of taxes and licenses for the year 1862, being the order of the day, was taken up and adopted. The ordinance being in the main similar to last year.

The Treasurer's Report was read, showing a balance on hand of $18,300 and issued of small notes to date $255,390.

The Comptroller notified the Board that he had sold the contract for supplying the city with coal at $1 90 per barrel; also, a detailed statement of the annual sale of the collections of the markets, amounting in the aggregate to $293,975. Both subjects were referred to the Finance Committee.

Concurrence was asked by the Board of Aldermen in a resolution requesting our Representatives in the Legislature to urge the passage of an act to authorize the city to issue $600,000 of bonds, bearing 6 or 8 per cent. interest. Referred to Finance Committee.

FIRST DISTRICT COURT—*Judge Collens*—The following business was disposed of in this court yesterday.

Ellen Neville and Eliza Neville, on trial for the crime of larceny, were found guilty. Ellen was recommended to the mercy of the court.

John Burns was found guilty of larceny by the jury, and was remanded for sentence.

Wm. M. Wolfling, tried for assault and battery, was found guilty. Remanded for sentence.

Letter from Virginia

[Special to the New Orleans Crescent.]

RICHMOND, Nov. 25, 1861.

Mr. Editor—Do you know that it is very kind in the proprietor of the Crescent to employ a correspondent in these days when the public taste is so depraved that nothing is relished unless it comes right hot from the telegraph? For my part, I think it is a useless expense; but don't cut me off on that account. There are heaps of good sober-sided folks in the country who take a real delight in what you may call dried news, i. e.: state statements or monthly information. Even I, who feed on intelligence literally dripping with novelty, and, so to speak, clothed with the gore of sensation, find pleasure in perusing the Memorabilia of Xenophon. But, when a fellow knows he can tell no news and yet wishes to make his letters interesting, it is terrible on the hair. I've scratched my head for ideas till I'm nearly bald; but I'm going to buy me a wig to-morrow, and then go it, "regardless of expense."

I am to "write two letters a week and mail one of them so that it will reach you on Sunday." That's a capital joke; I think I'll tell it to Mr. Reagan. Instead of scratching his head he would tear his hair, and his shirt also. You just build "them" bridges in Tennessee and hang a few mail agents, and then I'll assent to your amiable proposition. Hang me, if we've received a Western mail for the last four days, and the Southern, like the wind in Scripture, cometh and goeth where it listeth, and it "listeth" very much after the fashion of an awkward attack of ague and fever, the paroxysms of which occur on the second, third or fourth or fifth, or some other exceedingly incalculable day. "This is one of the inevitable evils of war," we are told. True, but an able head of Department shows his ability by overcoming difficulties and mitigating evils. I am tired of hearing this pitiful apology, made not only for Mr. Reagan but for Mr. Everybody else, who fails to administer his department or his command with skill and energy. Thus you hear people continually saying our armies can't advance because the roads are so bad. Bah! Napoleon crossed the Alps in midwinter, and here people are talking about the plain main road in November! Shoo!

We were all down in the mouth last Saturday; things looked black and blue because the public eye had been hunged by portentous rumors from Memphis, Pound Gap and elsewhere. To-day our vision is clearer, and the drooping corners of our mouth are tucked up considerably. The big review at New Orleans proves that we are not all dead yet, if Fort Royal is taken. Pillow's bold assertion that he is not afraid is encouraging, although we have no great faith in the gospel according to Pillow. And, thirdly and lastly, we are hugely uplifted by the tidings that Lyons has demanded the surrender of Mason and Slidell, and that Seward & Co. have refused to give them up. This I heard at dinner, an hour or so ago. All the young men near me swore they would get drunk if the news proved true; but the correspondent of the Crescent, chastened with age and many disappointments, contented himself with a few more slices of cheese and the faint hope that England might, after all, resist the insult, and that we (we)—John Bull and Jeff. Davis—might give the Yankees the very devil, well rubbed in at that.

I need not tell you that we are gratified at the result of the Pensacola fight, so far as heard from. Still, as Dr. Johnson said about the evidences of the authenticity of the Bible, and as Oliver Twist said about the soup, we could wish for more. We want to send at least one of Lincoln's big ships to Davy Jones' locker before the war is over. Think how very little we have done to the Yankee navy, in spite of their rash attacks on our land batteries. That navy was formidable long before we set up shop for ourselves, and now it seems invulnerable, as Achilles' or any other nigger's heel. Hollins is the only man who has done any serious damage to the Yankee fleet since the war broke out. No wonder Mr. Mallory has eventually bethought him of building six more "rams." There was an old lady in Vermont, who supposed, very naturally, that cotton, like wool, was an animal product, and begged her husband to buy a cotton ram, so that the breed of his sheep might be mixed, and she might shear her own cotton at home. Our "cotton rams" must be floating batteries and boats like the Manassas, for they alone can protect our cotton fields against the pirates of Old Abe. But isn't it rather strange that a boat should be a cotton, and that cotton a ram?

The spirit of the Virginia Convention is willing, but the flesh is too weak to accomplish the reforms needed in the Commission, and to restore the admirable structure given to us by the fathers. There is more truth than poetry in the assertion that the State is "sold to the Dutch;" for things have come to such a pass that nobody dares to do anything for fear of displeasing the Suabian population of the Valley and the Northwest, who have always been a bugbear to the slaveholders of the Piedmont and tide-water sections, and who now hold the balance of power. Thinking men, both of the Whig and Democratic parties, agree that something ought to be done to check the tendency toward what the Examiner calls "direct democracy," but they do not perceive that the only means to achieve this devoutly to be wished consummation, and to repair the losses occasioned by the Yankee occupation of the Eastern shore, is the accumulation of and abundance of negroes. Black, let me tell you, as a secret in the chemistry of politics—black is the only fast color in Republics. It is the only mordant known to man which "sets" the other colors, and prevents them from rubbing out under the wear and tear of time, and from fading in the sunlight of a forced and artificial prosperity, such as lately existed at the North, and which holds its own even when the nation is plunged in the great cauldron and washtub of anarchy. Harry Edmundson used to say that his whole political philosophy was summed up in three words, "Gentlemen and niggers." I say so, too. Without the latter, the former cannot exist in a free-suffrage Republic; and without the former, government of any sort is impossible. The negro is at the bottom of this war—which Lincoln is determined we shall not forget, as witness negro-insurrection instructions to Sherman; and the negro element is destined to play no unimportant part in our future legislation. And it were well if this contingency were realized at present, so that the acts of the Congress now in session might be timely and accordant. It will not do to ignore the negro. We cannot desert him, even if we were base enough to desire it. Bold ground must be taken, and taken at once. An alliance with England is among the early probabilities, and our position with regard to the negro should be definitely settled in that alliance. We can make terms now which cannot be made hereafter, and we should guard against a war with our ally when the time comes for us to supply the wasted fields of Virginia with African instead of Yankee labor.

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Provisional Congress—Fourth Session.

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 28, 1861.—Congress met at 12 o'clock in the Capitol, Vice President Stephens in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. Dr. Hoge.

After the reading of the journal for previous day, Congress went into secret session.

The following members were in attendance, in addition to those already announced:

Messrs. H. P. Thomasson, Arkansas; J. T. Harrison, Mississippi; — Carnthers, Tennessee; D. M. Currie, Tennessee; C. W. Russell, Virginia; Robt. Johnson, Virginia; W. R. Staples, Virginia; Walter Preston, Virginia; W. Porcher Miles, South Carolina; W. W. Boyce, South Carolina; W. W. Avery, North Carolina; T. McDowell, North Carolina; J. M. Morehead, North Carolina; R. C. Puryear, North Carolina; Burton Craige, North Carolina; A. T. Davidson, North Carolina; Jackson Morton, Florida; J. B. Owens, Florida.

Very Important from Missouri.

Advance of Price upon St. Louis—Evacuation of Paducah and Cairo.

A gentleman who reached this city yesterday on the steamer Yazoo brings a confirmation of the reported capture of Montgomery, the surrounding of Siegel, and the advance of Price upon St. Louis. He left New Madrid before day Saturday morning, and brings the following report of the news in circulation there and generally believed during the day of Friday:

Gen. Rains, in command of his own brigade and those of Parsons and Green, had cut Montgomery's forces all to pieces, and taken him a prisoner.

Gen. McCulloch had surrounded Siegel at Sedalia, and it was believed that the latter would be forced to surrender or have his forces cut to pieces.

Gen. Price had crossed the Gasconade river on the way to St. Louis, and the people every where were flocking to his support with great enthusiasm. His force is said to be very large, and he was receiving accessions daily. It was believed that he would have an army of 60,000 before reaching St. Louis, for which point he was journeying.

The latest report from Cairo was that the Federals had become alarmed for the safety of St. Louis, and that nine steamboats full of soldiers had been sent from Cairo to that point.

The foregoing was currently reported and generally believed at New Madrid on Friday.

Since the above was written, we learn that a gentleman, just from Paducah, reports that both Cairo and Paducah is being evacuated of Federal troops, and that they are being sent to St. Louis with all possible dispatch.

[Memphis Avalanche, 23.

The German Artillery of Fort Walker.

Right hearty was the welcome given to this gallant battalion, yesterday afternoon, at its first dress parade since the battle of Port Royal. The line was formed at their encampment, on the Citadel Green, about half-past 3 o'clock, and the battalion was reviewed by Col. Wagener. After the review, the following orders were read by Adjutant Kirkwood:

FIRST REGIMENT ARTILLERY, S. C. M.,
Charleston, November 16, 1861.
ORDER No. 1.

The Regimental Order Book having been lost at the battle of Port Royal, the Adjutant is hereby directed to open a new one, with the following address to Companies A and B, German Artillery, inscribed upon its first page, viz:

Fellow-Soldiers of the German Artillery: The Colonel Commanding desires to embrace the occasion of your first dress parade after the battle of Port Royal, to testify publicly to your fidelity, courage and good conduct on that terrible but glorious day. Though the power of the enemy was overwhelming, he himself has acknowledged your bravery and patriotism; and if praise is due to a small band of 220 citizen soldiers for resisting, with fifteen guns, for five hours, an array of eighteen war vessels, with over 400 guns, served by the most efficient seamen in the world, you, and the little band of Carolinians that fought at your side, have fairly and honestly earned that praise.

My comrades! Yes, I may truly call you my comrades now, for we have bled together! My comrades, I desire you to hold up your head and to look boldly, in just pride, into the face of your fellow-men; for though the day of battle was not our own, you have quitted the field only upon explicit order, and I am well assured that you would have died to a man sooner than disgrace should have fallen upon the German name of your noble adopted land. In the name of both—of your German fatherland and your new Palmetto home—I thank you for your gallant valor! Let no man hereafter dare to aspersse your patriotism. You shall answer him with Port Royal. You have, in truth, been tried, and not found wanting.

But remember, that the glorious name which you have carried with your blood, must never be sullied! Remember your dead comrades, and never give them cause to blush, in their heavenly home, over the deeds of those at whose sides they fell, and whom in life they loved and cherished.

My brave boys, let me repeat to you what your heroic Major, Huger, says in his official report to me: "Should it ever be my fortune to appear upon a hard-fought field, my strong desire is that the brave Germans of my battalion should be at my back. They proved themselves a band of heroes."

And I am sure it will not be less grateful to you to have the assurance of your old Captain, now your Colonel, that I am entirely satisfied with you, and willing, if the need should ever occur, to risk life and honor, and all a man holds most dear, upon your truth, your fidelity, and valor.

By order: JOHN A. WAGENER,
Colonel First Artillery,
Late Com'd'g Fort Walker.
W. D. H. KIRKWOOD, Adjutant.

[Charleston Mercury, 29th.

Proclamation of the President of the Confederate States of America.

Whereas, an act of the Congress of the Confederate States of America, approved this the 28th day of November, 1861, provides that "the State of Missouri be and is hereby admitted as a member of the Confederate States of America, upon an equal footing with the other States of the Confederacy, under the Constitution for the Provisional Government of the same":

Now, therefore, I, JEFFERSON DAVIS, President of the Confederate States of America, do issue this my Proclamation, making known to all whom it may concern, that the admission of the said State of Missouri into the Confederacy is complete, and that the laws of the Confederacy are extended over said State as fully and completely as over the other States now composing the Union.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name, and caused the seal of the Confederate States to be affixed at Richmond, the 28th day of November, A. D. 1861.

By the President: JEFFERSON DAVIS.
R. M. T. HUNTER, Secretary of State.

LATEST TELEGRAPHIC INTELLIGENCE.

DISPATCHED TO THE NEW ORLEANS CRESCENT

LATEST FROM MEMPHIS.

Confederate Gunboats Chase Lincoln Gunboats.

A LINCOLN LUMBER-BOAT CAPTURED.

MEMPHIS, Dec. 3.—Last Sunday some Federal gunboats came in sight of Columbus, Ky., when five Confederate gunboats chased them for miles, but no capture was made.

The Confederate steamer Grampus captured a lumber-boat near Bird's Point on Friday last, with 175,000 feet of lumber.

The Federals have sent twelve boats with troops from Cairo and Paducah to St. Louis.

From Nashville.

NASHVILLE, Dec. 3.—A gentleman just arrived from our army in Western Virginia says the campaign in that region is virtually ended for the winter, as the nature of the country, the want of forage and subsistence, and the condition of the roads, make any aggressive movement, in his opinion, by either party, absolutely impracticable. Gen. Floyd has fallen back to a point within thirty miles of the Virginia and Tennessee Railroad, while Loring still holds his position near Cheat Mountain. As already announced, the enemy have withdrawn six regiments from Western Virginia and sent them to Kentucky.

[Special to the Chicago Tribune.]

WASHINGTON, Nov. 25.—According to trustworthy private letters from Europe the Red Republicans of Austria, Poland, Italy and France have made most ample preparations to rise in case any interference on the part of England or France in the affairs of this continent gives them an opportunity. The Richmond families are packing up to leave, fearing an attack in the rear. The Rebel Government, it is also believed, is removing its archives. The bogus rebel paper money is going at a discount of thirty per cent. Secession has reduced the Post-office estimates for the ensuing year $3,000,000 below last year.

From Cairo.

CAIRO, Nov. 25.—Fourteen Camp Jackson prisoners arrived here on the steamer Platte Valley last evening, and were to-day sent to Norfolk, Missouri, to be exchanged for Federal prisoners. The steamer Aleck Scott brought down from Goose Island a man named Jackson, charged with aiding men to cross from Illinois to Missouri for the benefit of secession cause.

No Prospect of an Engagement in Virginia.

RICHMOND, Dec. 3.—Congress has been in secret session all day. No business made public.

The Examiner of this morning states that Col. Henry Heath, of Virginia, has been appointed Major-General of the Department of Missouri. Being announced in the Examiner, it created considerable surprise, and many persons expressed the opinion that Congress will not confirm the nomination, because Heath would be regarded as practically superseding Gen. Price. No such nomination, however, was made.

The weather is quite cold and the wind bleak. Nothing interesting from the camps, and no prospects of an engagement in any portion of Virginia. The mountains are covered with snow, and the roads are almost impassable in every direction, which will probably continue all winter.

RICHMOND, Dec. 2.—It has been snowing inc