



"Forever float that standard sheet! Where breathes the foe but falls before us, With Freedom's soil beneath our feet, And Freedom's banner streaming o'er us!"

PROCLAMATION.

The Day of National Humiliation Changed.

By the President of the United States:

WHEREAS by my proclamation of the 26th inst., Thursday, the 25th of next month, was recommended as a day for special humiliation and prayer in consequence of the assassination of Abraham Lincoln, late President of the United States; but

WHEREAS my attention has been called to the fact that the day aforesaid is sacred to a large number of Christians as one of rejoicing for the ascension of the Savior;

Now, therefore, be it known that I, Andrew Johnson, President of the United States, do hereby suggest that religious services, recommended as aforesaid, should be postponed until Thursday, the first day of June next. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand, and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the city of Washington, this 29th day of April, A. D. 1865, and of the Independence of the United States of America the 89th.

ANDREW JOHNSON.

By W. HUNTER, Acting Secretary of State.

LATEST NEWS BY TELEGRAPH.

The Herald's Washington special says General Grant, immediately on his return to Washington, starts about making arrangements for the contemplated decrease of armies. It is thought the army will soon be reduced 400,000 men.

A full account of the killing of Booth will be found on our first page. His burial place is not known, and it is said that his body has been placed where it will never be seen by mortal eye again.

The steamer Sultana exploded near Memphis, on Friday morning last, killing over one thousand persons, mostly exchanged Union soldiers from Vicksburg.

The Herald's Newbern correspondent says the last positive information of Jeff Davis was that he passed through Charlotte on his way south, escorted by a brigade of cavalry, probably Wade Hampton's, on the 23d ult. As Gen. Wilson was at Macon on the 20th, and virtually held all southern Georgia, the chances are that Davis cannot escape.

The preliminary examinations to the assassination plots, reveal an astounding conspiracy.

Sherman's army is being disbanded.

DRAFTED MEN, SUBSTITUTES AND RECRUITS TO BE DISCHARGED.

The following dispatch was received on Saturday by Col. Averill, just in time to stop about fifty men who were on the levee prepared to go down on the evening boat:

WASHINGTON, April 29th, 1865. To Col. J. T. Averill, A. A. P. M. G., St. Paul, Minnesota:

By order of the Secretary of War, all recruits, drafted men and substitutes and volunteers for old regiments remaining in rendezvous will be immediately mustered out and honorably discharged the service, under your direction.

As soon as mustered out, report them to Pay Department for payment. Arrange with rendezvous commander accordingly. Please acknowledge this by telegraph and inform me of number to be discharged.

T. M. VINCENT, Assistant Adjutant General.

GLORIOUS NEWS FROM SHERMAN.

SURRENDER OF GEN. JOHNSTON.

WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, April 29—3:50 P. M.

To Major General Dix:

A dispatch from Gen. Grant, dated at Raleigh, 10 A. M. April 26, states—'Johnston surrendered the forces in his command—embracing all from Chattanooga to Gen. Sherman, on the basis agreed upon between Lee and myself for the army of Northern Virginia.'

E. M. STANTON, Secretary of War.

New York, April 30.

The terms granted Johnston embrace in the surrender four armies of the military district of the west, but excluding the fifth, that of Dick Taylor's lying west of the Chattanooga river—Among the General's surrendered is Beauregard. The principal among the Lieut. Generals is Hardee, Bragg, lately relieved of command and not sur-

rendered. Wade Hampton refused to be surrendered and is reported to have been shot by Johnston in an altercation but a more trustworthy report is that he fled in company with Davis.

The number actually surrendered is 27,400 although more names are given. All the militia from South Carolina, North Carolina, Georgia and the Gulf States are included.

Gen. Grant returned to Washington on Saturday.

LETTER FROM MRS. SWISSHELM.

WASHINGTON, April 25.

EDITOR OF THE DEMOCRAT.—Did it ever occur to you that the Devil is a fool? Certainly the Bible might teach us to think so; for in it righteousness is spoken of as "Wisdom."

The folly of sin never, perhaps, was more strikingly exemplified than in the whole history of this Rebellion, and the climax of that folly is the assassination of President Lincoln. If we admit that the Prince of Darkness inspires his followers with plans and purposes to further the interests of his kingdom, we must regard him as little less than idiotic when contemplating his achievements in attempting to spread and perpetuate his pet "institution." The means devised to spread the dimensions of slavery over the continent will certainly result in its entire expulsion from the face of the civilized world.—So, according to promise, God is making "the wrath of man to praise Him," while the remainder of wrath he will restrain. In permitting the murder of the President, He allowed "the man who is Thy sword" to hasten his departure to that better land for which his late acts have shown he was rapidly ripening. God has thus removed from this important place one who was totally incapable of understanding, or believing in, the wickedness, the cruelty, and barbarism of the Southern people, or rather of that portion of them who inaugurated and prosecuted this rebellion, in defense of their right to whip women and rob orphans. Without this understanding it was impossible he should mete out to them that punishment which divine justice demands; and his death places one in power who knows them thoroughly and has every disposition to reward them according to their work. I can think of no other blow at Satan's kingdom, which could have been so telling as this, struck by his appointed servant and special emissary. Who would want to serve under a leader so stupid—one who so turns his resources against himself? Yes; let it hereafter be written down and read by all men that—the Devil is a fool.

On the day we received news of the capture of Richmond, Vice-President Johnson appeared on the steps of the War Department and addressed a dense crowd. He repeated what he had said in U. S. Senate at the breaking out of the Rebellion, of those who were then conceiving it: "I would arrest them, I would try them, I would convict them, and I would hang them."

To those who did not hear him, I could convey no idea of the earnestness with which he uttered those words. There was no rant, no bluster; it was deep, calm, conscientious conviction, and made me shiver; and when he added, "Leniency for the masses—halters for the leaders," I thanked God that President Lincoln stood between those sinners and the just reward of their crimes; for, just then, in the hour of victory, I had a fit of relenting. Believing they had surrendered or would surrender, I felt like Uncle Toby for the fly, that there was room enough in the world for them and us, and that they were no longer toes worthy of pursuit.

I had just been talking with an old colored woman standing in front of the War Department beside her bundle of soiled linen, and gesticulating violently, weeping, shouting and thanking God that Richmond was not burned. When I corrected her and said "You mean, Auty, that Richmond is taken," she continued: "Oh, yes! Miss! I thank God for dat, but I thank Him dat dey surrendered an' dat dey toun isn't burnt. De precious souls am not lost. Dey couldn't 'a' burnt it, Missus, 'out killin' great many people, an' I thank my Jesus dat de precious souls am not lost. I feared dey would burn de toun an' many souls 'a' been lost!"

"But, Auty, they are rebel souls!" "I knows dat, Ma'am, I knows dat; but hell am too bad for cat or dog. I don't want nobody to go dar, an' I thank my Jesus dat Richmond isn't burnt."

"Were you ever a slave, Auty?" "Yes'm! yes'm! All my life! All my life! an' lost all my children dar—all my children dar, got none let now, an' I thank my Jesus Richmond isn't burnt. De precious souls am not lost! I can go home an' wash now!" And taking up her heavy bundle she went weeping

and praising God for His mercy to those enemies of humanity who had robbed her of her life's earnings, her children, and all that makes life dear, and left her there—old, shrivelled and lame, to toil for the bread she must eat alone.

After this lesson, Mr. Johnson's remarks grated on my ear, and when I met him a few moments after, I insisted that he should reconsider his position. He listened very politely to all I had to say about the folly of taking life when opposition to the Government ceased. I urged that the punishment appropriate to the age was to confiscate their property to pay the debt they had forced upon the nation and that they should be prevented taking part in the Government they have labored to destroy. To my conclusion, "Let there be no hanging! Disfranchise them," he answered, with a sternness which even his kindly smile could not conceal, "Mrs. Swisshelm, a very good way to disfranchise them is to break their necks!"

There was the end of the matter and now I can see how right he was and wrong I was. It is so long since I have lived South that my convictions of the irreducible depravity of the people have been wearing out; but he has just arrived from the other side of the border and felt the difference between an honorable vanquished foe and a frozen viper; and now, may God strengthen his hand in ridding the world of the reptiles who can only rely on the use of their deadly-venomous sting with the functions of their natural lives. The nation can never be safe while these, her implacable and wily foes, are above the grounds.

JANE G. SWISSHELM.

STATE NEWS.

The Rochester Republican says that two little boys in that place, while playing near the river, ate of some wild parsnip they found, and were soon in convulsions. Medical aid was obtained, and their sufferings relieved.

The same paper speaks of an assault made by two young men, Evans and McCabe, on an Irishman and an old man named Sidmore. Evans made an attack on the Irishman with a knife, and when Sidmore came to the relief of the latter, McCabe knocked him down and beat him so with a club that his life is despaired of.

Eight or ten days ago, a son of Mr. S. S. Higgins of this place, aged about six years, while playing upon a fence in front of his father's residence, slipped and fell, one leg of his pants catching on the fence, twisting his leg and breaking it about midway between the ankle and knee joints. He is doing well.—Monka's Record.

At the opening of navigation there were in store at this place about 145,000 bushels, not much more than 20,000 of which have yet been sent to market.—Ibid.

Mr. Ansley, while engaged in sawing slabs at the steam mill, last week was quite severely injured. He was placing a heavy slab upon the rollers when it slipped and he fell against a projecting corner, breaking three of his ribs. He is now doing well.—Anoka Sentinel.

The drive of Bassett & Gillpatrick, of Minneapolis, comprising about one million feet of old logs is running by.—Ibid.

Parties are in Anoka buying fat cattle to drive through to the mines at Lake Superior.

IMPORTANT DECISION.—The Attorney General in accordance with the request of our County Auditor has made a decision or given his opinion upon the question, as to whether, in order to redeem under the forfeited tax sale of January last the party redeeming must pay fifty per cent. upon the amount of the tax or the amount of the sale? He gives it as his opinion that the redemption can redeem only by paying fifty per cent. more than the amount of the sale.—Shakopee Argus.

PERSONAL.—Among the passengers by the Northern Belle yesterday we noticed the return of J. H. McAllister, Esq., agent at this place for the Pennsylvania Central Railroad. Mr. McAllister accompanied companies H, and I, of the 1st Minnesota, under charge of Capt. Crawford. They went by the Central Road. Mr. McAllister is one of the most indefatigable workers we have in the west. Nothing is left undone that can be done to forward the interests of the road he represents. In season and out of season he is at work, and he is fast bringing this road into popular favor among our citizens as the route to the East. The Central could not find a better man to look after their interests in Minnesota.—Pioneer.

GOLD closed in New York on the 2d inst. at 141.

PETERSON & STOLLEY'S COLUMN.

New Store

AND NEW GOODS!

Peterson & Stolley, LATE of Milwaukee, have just opened, at Tobey's old stand, a large and choice stock of New Goods direct from the Eastern markets. These Goods were purchased at the lowest prices during the late panic in the Dry Goods market, and will be sold at such a small profit that we are confident we can

UNDERSELL any other establishment in town.

Among our stock may be found DRY GOODS, HATS AND CAPS, BOOTS AND SHOES, YANKEE NOTIONS & CUTLERY.

In the Dry Goods Line we have Prints, Brown and Bleached Muslins, Denims, Tickings, Shirting Stripes, all-wool Flannels, Ladies' Cloth, Domestic and Imported Gingham,

Dress Patterns,

Hoop Skirts, Balmoral do, Mousseline de Laines, Shawls, Gaiters, Lace, Embroidery, Fine Sheet, Towel and Zephyr Wool, all colors, Cotton and Silk Velvet Ribbons, Taffetas, Silk and Velvet Trimmings, Dress Buttons, a great variety, Embroidery and Sewing Silk, Silk Chenille, Wire do, Dress Braid, Serpentine do, Alpaca do, Silk Cotton and Worsted Embroidery do, all colors, Embroidery Cotton, Colored and White, German and Domestic Knitting Cotton, Cotton & Linen Thread, Spool Thread, Kid Hair Nets, Beaded do.

GENTS' SCARFS & CRAVATS, SUSPENDERS, &c., &c.

Among our

Yankee Notions

We offer to the public CHILDREN'S CARRIAGES, FANCY BASKETS, BIRD CAGES, LOOKING GLASSES, SPINNING WHEELS,

Musical Instruments,

VIOLINS, ACCORDEONS, FIFES AND HARMONICONS, VIOLIN AND GUITAR STRINGS,

Fancy Work Boxes, Spy Glasses, China Flower Vases, China Cups and Parlor Ornaments,

Brevetted and Fancy Crosses, Jewelry, Rings, Breast Pins, Corsican Rings, Coral Beads, Wax Beads, Steel and Gold Beads, Gold and Silver Hollow Beads, Fancy Working Beads, all colors, Ladies' Bag Buckles, new styles, Ladies' Buck Combs, Children's Round do, Dressing Combs of all kinds, Fine Combs, Tooth Brushes.

PERFUMERY,

Of the most exquisite and delicate varieties.

POCKET BOOKS,

PORTMONAIES, FANCY PURSES, TEA BELLS, SATCHELS, SEWING BIRDS, SPECTACLES, SEWING, KNITTING & PEARL AND AGATE SHIRT BUTTONS, PLAYING CARDS, CARD BOARD AND CANVASS for Embroidering, SILK AND WORSTED CURTAIN CORDS, WHALEBONES AND CORSET CLASPS.

Cigars,

Fine Cutting and Chewing Tobacco,

SWEET BRIAR, MERRILLUM AND CHIN PIPES, SNUFF, TOBACCO POUCHES, MATCH BOXES, CIGAR CASES, WHIPS & LASHES, COMBS & UMBRELLAS, And other articles too numerous to mention.

PETERSON & STOLLEY,

Corner Washington st. and S. Corneil st.,

St. Cloud.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

NOTICE.

All persons indebted to the late firm of Edward M. Tobey & Co are requested to settle their accounts before the first day of July, 1865. If not settled prior to that time, they will be placed in a attorney's hands for collection. All persons having claims against the firm are requested to present them immediately.

EDWARD M. TOBEY, CHARLES H. COATS, CHARLES TAYLOR, Administrator of the estate of C. H. Coats.

LAND OFFICE, ST. CLOUD, MINN.,

To Peter Hannis:

You are hereby notified to appear at this office, on the 20th day of June next, at 10 o'clock A. M., to show cause if any there be why your Homestead entry No. 341 made at this office, on the 24th day of June, 1863, should not be cancelled, as Michael Lakoff alleges an abandonment on your part, and will then appear at this office with witnesses to prove the same.

T. C. McCLURE, Register.

C. A. GILMAN, Receiver.

PROPOSALS FOR BEEF.

In duplicate, will be received at this office until

12 o'clock M.,

Wednesday, May 17, 1865

FOR FURNISHING FRESH BEEF

TO THE TROOPS

Stationed at, and drawing supplies from, the following military posts in the District of Minnesota:

Saint Paul, Fort Snelling, Fort Ridgely, Fort Abercrombie, Fort Ripley, Fort Wadsworth, Sauk Centre, Alexandria, and Pomme de Terre.

The contract to commence on the

First Day of July, 1865,

and to be in force for twelve months, or such less time as the Commissary General of Subsistence may direct.

Separate bids will be received for each of the above posts, or one bid may include all of them.

The beef to be of good and wholesome quality with equal proportions of fore and hind quarters. Necks, shanks and kidney tallow to be excluded. The necks of the cattle slaughtered for beef under the contract shall be cut off at the fourth vertebral joint, and the breast trimmed down. The shanks of the fore quarter shall be cut from three to four inches above the knee joint; and of the hind quarters from six to eight inches above the gambrel or hock joint.

The beef to be delivered at such times and in such quantities as may be required. The bids to state the price per net pound at which the beef will be furnished.

Proposals from contractors who have previously failed to comply with their bids; from disloyal persons; or where the bidder is not present to respond to his bid, will not be considered.

All bids must be accompanied by two guaranties. The responsibility of the guaranties, unless known to the undersigned, must be shown by the official certificate of the Clerk of the nearest District Court, or the United States District Attorney.

Bidders will give their names and address in full, and in the case of firms the name and address of each individual member must, as well as the name of the firm, be stated.

Bonds with good security will be required from successful bidders.

FORM OF GUARANTEE.

We, of the County of _____, and State of _____, do hereby guarantee that _____ is able to fulfill the contract in accordance with the terms of his proposition; and that, should his proposition be accepted, he will at once enter into a contract in accordance therewith. Should the contract be awarded him, we are prepared to become his securities.

[This guarantee must be appended to each bid.]

Those not corresponding with the above conditions will be rejected.

Bids to be directed to "Capt. B. E. Davis, C. S." and endorsed "Proposals for Beef."

The undersigned reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

B. E. DAVIS, Captain and Commissary of Subsistence.

St. Cloud and Sauk River

LAND AGENCY.

H. C. WAIT,

General Land Agent,

AT ST. CLOUD, MINN.,

Office next door to the United States Land Office.

GIVES particular attention to the selection and location of Lands for non-residents, &c. All business entrusted to him is promptly attended to.

Proposals for Army Transportation.

Sealed Proposals

In duplicate will be received at this office until

12 o'clock M.,

ON THE 6TH DAY OF MAY, 1865,

For the Transportation of

MILITARY SUPPLIES,

Until May 1st, 1866.

On the Following Routes:

Route No. 1. From St. Paul, Minnesota, to Fort Ripley, Minnesota, and all posts or stations that are, or may be established east of the Mississippi River, and north of St. Paul in the State of Minnesota, and south of the 47th degree of north latitude.

Route No. 2. From St. Paul, Minnesota, to the military posts of Sauk Centre, Alexandria, Pomme de Terre, Minnesota, Fort Abercrombie, D. T., and any posts or stations that are, or may be established in the District of Minnesota west of the Mississippi river, between the 46th and 47th degrees of north latitude.

Route No. 3. From St. Paul, Minnesota, to Fort Ridgely, Minnesota, Fort Wadsworth, D. T., and all posts or stations that are, or may be established in the District of Minnesota, south of the 46th degree of north latitude, west of the Mississippi river.

Route No. 4. From St. Paul, Minnesota, to any military posts or stations that are, or may be established in the Military District of Minnesota, north of the 47th degree north latitude.

Route No. 5. For the hauling of all military supplies from and to the Levee, Government Warehouses and Railroad Depot in the City of St. Paul, Minnesota. The price given to include the delivery of said supplies to said warehouses, &c.

Bids for each route must be on separate sheets of paper. Bidders for routes Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 to state the price per one hundred pounds per mile at which they will transport all military supplies, during each month of the year, except for the post of Fort Wadsworth, D. T., and any new post that may be established north of the 47th degree north latitude, in the District of Minnesota, for which posts the supplies will be furnished between the months of May and October.

The price given to transport said stores from St. Paul, Minnesota to points named in Routes No. 1, 2, 3, and 4, will include at the same rate any return transportation there may be, as well as for the moving of all military supplies from one post or point to another in each prescribed district.

Bidders will state how it is proposed to transport said stores.

The contractors will be held responsible for any injury to, or loss of stores that may be found to exist when delivered at their destination.

All bids with good and satisfactory security will be required from the person to whom the contract may be awarded.

Bidders will give their names and address in full in case of firms, the precise name and address of each member, with the name of the firm, to be stated.

All contracts are subject to the approval of the Quartermaster-General of the United States Army.

All bids must be accompanied by two guaranties. The responsibility of the guaranties must be shown by the official certificate of the Clerk of the nearest District Court, or the U. S. District Attorney.

Proposals to be endorsed "Proposals for transporting military stores on Route No. 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5, as the case may be," and addressed to the undersigned.

H. L. CARVER, Capt. and A. Q. M., St. Paul, Minn.

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To the Unmarried.

GRACE VAN EVERY, the gifted Clairvoyant and Futurist, can, by the aid of the "Hypnotic" produce a

Perfect Likeness of your Future Partner giving the date of the happy event, leading traits of character, occupation, whether rich or poor, Post Office address, and other valuable information, if desired.

Send by mail, prepaid, One Dollar, and Red Stamp, with a full description of yourself, and I will return the likeness, with the above information. Address, GRACE VAN EVERY,

7783 P. O. Drawer 686, Detroit, Mich.

NOTICE.

I will commence on the 15th of April, ceasinging Colts. Having had two years experience in the business in this place, I can warrant satisfaction.

F. SMITHSON, One mile from St. Cloud, on the Clearwater Road.

NOTICE.—Notice is hereby given, that I have given my son, Allen Vessey, his time, to act and trade for himself. And I shall claim none of his earnings, nor pay any debts of his contracting, after this date.

WILLIAM VESSEY, Bank Center, April 22nd, 1865.

"THE PEN IS MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD."

THE OLD PEN—THE BEST OF ALL PENS

Morton's Gold Pens,

THE BEST PENS IN THE WORLD.

Oh receipt of any of the following pens in cash, the enclosed will pay, or otherwise, as directed, a Gold Pen of Fine—writing (the same according to description):

THE GOLD PEN WITHOUT CASES.

For 60 cents, the Magic Pen; for 75 cents, the Lucky Pen; for \$1.00 the Always-Ready Pen; for \$1.25 the Pen; for \$1.50 the Excelsior Pen; for \$2.00 the Pen; for \$2.50 the Pen; for \$3.00 the Pen; for \$3.50 the Pen; for \$4.00 the Pen; for \$4.50 the Pen; for \$5.00 the Pen; for \$5.50 the Pen; for \$6.00 the Pen; for \$6.50 the Pen; for \$7.00 the Pen; for \$7.50 the Pen; for \$8.00 the Pen; for \$8.50 the Pen; for \$9.00 the Pen; for \$9.50 the Pen; for \$10.00 the Pen.

THE SAME GOLD PEN, IN SILVER-PLATED EXTENSION CASES WITH PERICLS.

For \$1.00 the Magic Pen; for \$1.25 the Lucky Pen; for \$1.50 the Always-Ready Pen; for \$1.75 the Pen; for \$2.00 the Pen; for \$2.25 the Pen; for \$2.50 the Pen; for \$2.75 the Pen; for \$3.00 the Pen; for \$3.25 the Pen; for \$3.50 the Pen; for \$3.75 the Pen; for \$4.00 the Pen; for \$4.25 the Pen; for \$4.50 the Pen; for \$4.75 the Pen; for \$5.00 the Pen; for \$5.25 the Pen; for \$5.50 the Pen; for \$5.75 the Pen; for \$6.00 the Pen; for \$6.25 the Pen; for \$6.50 the Pen; for \$6.75 the Pen; for \$7.00 the Pen; for \$7.25 the Pen; for \$7.50 the Pen; for \$7.75 the Pen; for \$8.00 the Pen; for \$8.25 the Pen; for \$8.50 the Pen; for \$8.75 the Pen; for \$9.00 the Pen; for \$9.25 the Pen; for \$9.50 the Pen; for \$9.75 the Pen; for \$10.00 the Pen.

THE SAME GOLD PEN, IN SILVER-EXTENSION CASES, WITH PERICLS.

For \$2.00 a No. 1 pen, 1st quality; or a No. 3 pen, 2d quality; or a No. 5 pen, 3d quality; or a No. 7 pen, 4th quality; or a No. 9 pen, 5th quality; or a No. 11 pen, 6th quality; or a No. 13 pen, 7th quality; or a No. 15 pen, 8th quality; or a No. 17 pen, 9th quality; or a No. 19 pen, 10th quality; or a No. 21 pen, 11th quality; or a No. 23 pen, 12th quality; or a No. 25 pen, 13th quality; or a No. 27 pen, 14th quality; or a No. 29 pen, 15th quality; or a No. 31 pen, 16th quality; or a No. 33 pen, 17th quality; or a No. 35 pen, 18th quality; or a No. 37 pen, 19th quality; or a No. 39