

What for the Day.

It is the rare secret of wisdom to extract the soul of good out of conditions which are evil. To make the most of disaster, to diminish as far as possible its power of harm, is the only process for the recuperation of one's fortunes.

It is especially incumbent upon our people now to receive and meditate these counsels. Despondency is a sort of suicide. There is a certain wilfulness in not addressing ourselves promptly to the task of self-recovery and self-relief.

the true teaching of that religion of which so much is said and so little is ever properly taught or duly learned.

From Charleston.

Through the favor of an officer of the 25th Ohio, and to a staff officer of Gen. Gillmore, we are in possession of late New York and Charleston papers.

Proceedings of Council.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COLUMBIA, May 26, 1865.

A special meeting was convened this day. Present—His Honor T. J. Goodwyn; Aldermen Blakely, Bates, Glaze, Gibbs, Hope, Harris, Wells and Stork.

It has been my aim, since my connection with you as Mayor of the city, to discharge all the duties of my office fairly, honestly and conscientiously, and it affords me much pleasure to assert unqualifiedly that you have done the same.

Very respectfully, your obedient servant, T. J. GOODWYN, Mayor.

A Mr. Mott has been elected Mayor of Fernandina, Florida, the election being equally participated in by whites and blacks.

George W. Williams & Co. have opened a banking house in Charleston.

President Johnson has issued a proclamation enjoining upon our naval vessels to capture all rebel cruisers and bring them into port, that their crews may no longer enjoy immunity for their crimes.

RAILROAD FACILITIES.—We understand that railroad communication between this city and Orangeburg was re-established on Saturday last.

The Greenville and Columbia Railroad is in operation from Alston to Greenville. Fare, ten cents per mile in legal currency.

The constitutional amendment to the United States Constitution in regard to slavery has unanimously passed both houses of the Connecticut Legislature.

Local Items.

The office of the Columbia Phoenix is on Gates street, second door from Plain.

We learn that Gen. Hatch is expected to arrive in this city next week, for the purpose of completing arrangements with regard to paroles.

Quite a number of our citizens presented themselves at headquarters yesterday, for the purpose of taking the oath. The arrangements not having been fully completed, several of them had to be put off.

PERSONAL.—All subscribers to the Phoenix whose subscriptions have expired, will please come forward and renew, in specie or provisions; otherwise their papers will be stopped.

We wish it distinctly understood that our terms are cash. No advertisements will, therefore, be inserted unless paid for in advance.

We present the following schedule of rates, in the case of the most obvious commodities. For one month's subscription to the Phoenix, we will receive either of the following, viz:

- 1 bushel corn, 1 1/2 bush. peas or potatoes 5 pounds butter, 25 lbs. flour, 7 " lard, 4 lbs. candles, 7 " Bacon, 9 qts. rice, 8 dozen eggs, 4 head of chickens.

Wood, vegetables and provisions generally received at fair market rates approaching the specie standards.

Maj. Gen. Q. A. Gillmore and staff arrived in this city from Hilton Head, on board the steamer W. W. Coit, yesterday morning.

The General made his headquarters at the Charleston Hotel, and was visited during the day by a great number of military officers and large crowds of citizens.

The General's reception and interview with the citizens was exceedingly pleasant, and his frank, cordial, unreserved manner produced a good effect.

It was hoped that his visit to the city would have been extended several days. The General, however, returned to Hilton Head on board the steamer W. W. Coit, which left this port about 10 o'clock last night.

FIRE ON HAYNE STREET.—Shortly after 2 o'clock, Monday morning, fire broke out in the four-story brick building, No. 27 Hayne street, formerly occupied by Thos. R. Eggleston & Co.

When first discovered, the flames were seen issuing from the upper story, and there is little doubt the fire was the work of an incendiary.

Some little disturbance occurred, caused by disorderly persons, who became intoxicated from the liquor found on the premises.

Mr. Bragg's stock of groceries was insured for ten thousand dollars. Messrs. Wm. McKay and C. A. Rogers, agents, were heavy losers by the fire.

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Naples is in great excitement about some Bourbon manuscripts which have just come to light.

POLICY OF THE PRESIDENT.—Theington correspondent of the Philadelphia Ledger says:

There are certain indications which go to show that President Johnson, like the lamented Lincoln, in his later days, is giving the extreme radicals a wide berth, and I hazard nothing in saying that the proclamation offering the South to trade will soon be followed by evidence still more conclusive of the desire of the President to heal the breach as quietly and pleasantly as possible.

SHIPMENT OF RICE AND CORN.—It will be of interest for parties to learn that General Orders No. 41, issued by General Hatch, prohibiting the shipment of rice and corn to any port out of the Department of the South, meets with the approval of Major General Gillmore.

A despatch from Toronto, C. W., says: "Cleary, one of the rebels against whom the grand jury found a true bill for the breach of neutrality, a few days since, has surrendered himself and gave bail in \$8,000 to stand trial at the October assizes."

A very biting pamphlet, called "History of Napoleon III, by Julius Caesar," is in circulation in Paris. The police are playing at hunt the slipper after it, and woe will befall those on whom it is found.

PERSONAL.—INFORMATION concerning Captain W. W. FICKLING, Brooks' Artillery, attached to Pickett's Division, at Petersburg, is desired at this office. May 27.

FOR SALE, 20 HOGS, in good eating order. Also Beds and Bedding; 1 good Cooking Stove, complete. Apply at Capt. E. S. Keitt's Farm. May 27.

HENRY SKIPPER, WHEELSMITH, LOCKSMITH, Horse-shoer, Wheelwright and Smith in general—nearly opposite Catholic Church.

By Jacob Cohen. PRIVATE SALE, 1 PIANO, (excellent quality,) 3 fine CARPETS, 7 MATTRESSES, 1 lot CHINA and GLASS, 3 WASH TUBS, 2 TIN BUCKETS, 1 large Leather Easy Chair, 1 small Rocking Chair, 3 Pitchers and 1 Basin, 1 Chamber and 1 Washstand, 1 Pine Bookcase, 1 Pine Wardrobe, 4 Pine Bunks, 1 Mahogany Dining Table. May 26.

HATS, SHOES, GROCERIES &c. H. A. SHELTON & CO., Bull Street, near the Post Office, Columbia, S. C.

RESPECTFULLY inform their friends and the public in general, that they have just returned from Charleston, with an assorted stock of GOODS—the first importation of the season—consisting in part of: LADIES HATS, (fashionable,) trimmed in style. GENTS HATS—fine. SHOES, assorted sizes.

Wrapping Paper. 40 OLD NEWSPAPERS for sale at this office. Price 20 and 40 cents a 100.

Headq's United States Forces, CITY OF COLUMBIA, S. C., MAY 26, 1865.

CIRCULAR. THE following circular from Headquarters Northern District Department of the South, dated at Orangeburg, S. C., May 25, 1865, is published for the information and guidance of the planters of this District. By command of N. HAUGETON, Lieut. Col. 25th Reg't O. V. V. I.

HEADQ'S NORTHERN DISTRICT, DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH, ORANGEBURG, S. C., May 25, 1865.

CIRCULAR. To the Planters of South Carolina Residing within the District:

You are invited, after taking the oath of allegiance to the United States Government prescribed by the President of the United States, in his proclamation of December 8, 1863, to make equitable contracts for labor with the freedmen.

Where the freedman is, from age or infirmity, unable to labor and without natural protector, his support will devolve upon the Parish to which he belongs. The citizens of each Parish are requested to meet and devise some method for providing for such persons; and until such provision is made, they will remain on, and draw their support from, the plantations where they now are.

Headq's Department of the South, HILTON HEAD, S. C., MAY 15, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS NO. 63.

THE proclamation of A. G. Magrath, styling himself Governor of South Carolina, dated at Headquarters, Columbia, South Carolina, May 2, 1865, declaring that all subsistence stores and the property of the Confederate States within the limits of the State should be turned over and accounted for by the Agents of the State, appointed for that purpose, and directing that the subsistence and other stores should be used for the relief of the people of the State; and the proclamation of Joseph E. Brown, styling himself Governor of Georgia, dated at the capital of that State, on the 3d day of May, 1865, requiring the officers and members of the General Assembly to meet in extraordinary session at the Capital in Milledgeville, on Monday, the 22d day of May, 1865; and the proclamation of A. K. Allison, styling himself Acting Governor of Florida, dated at Tallahassee, on the 8th day of April, 1865, giving notice and direction that an election will be held on Wednesday, the 7th day of June, 1865, for Governor of the State of Florida; are, each and all of them, declared null and void; it having become known to me, from trustworthy information, that the aforesaid A. G. Magrath, Joseph E. Brown and A. K. Allison, are disloyal to the United States, having committed sundry and diverse acts of treason against the same, in adhering to their enemies, giving them aid and comfort.

The persons and peoples, to whom the proclamations hereinabove referred to have been respectively addressed, are therefore enjoined and commanded to give no heed whatever thereto or to any orders, proclamations, commissions or commands, emanating from persons claiming the right to exercise the functions and authority of Governor in either of the States of South Carolina, Georgia or Florida, unless the same shall have been promulgated by the advice or consent of the United States authorities.

The policy and wishes of the General Government toward the people of these States, and the method which should be pursued by them in resuming or assuming the exercise of their political rights, will doubtless be made known at an early day.

It is deemed sufficient, meanwhile, to announce that the people of the black race are free citizens of the United States, that it is the fixed intention of a wise and beneficent Government to protect them in the enjoyment of their freedom and the fruits of their industry, and that it is the manifest and binding duty of all citizens, whites as well as blacks, to make such arrangements and agreements among themselves, for compensated labor as shall be mutually advantageous to all parties.

Neither idleness nor vagrancy will be tolerated, and the Government will not extend pecuniary aid to any persons, whether white or black, who are unwilling to help themselves.

Medical. DR. R. W. GIBBES, Jr., has removed to the office and residence of M. Bergholz, corner of Assembly and Bennady streets. Professional practice continued. May 26.