

# By Telegraph.

## The Alabama Convention.

MONTGOMERY, September 23.—The Convention to-day passed an ordinance dividing the State into six congressional districts. The committee on the secession ordinance will report early next week.

## Flight of the Republican Government.

EL PASO, MEXICO, August 15.—I take advantage of an express which goes up the country this afternoon to send you an item of news which may not reach you so soon otherwise. Juarez and suite, his Cabinet, some officers, about twenty-five men of an escort, go into El Paso this evening. Juarez has kept very quiet thus far. He held a Cabinet council yesterday, but what was decided is not known. A Mexican colonel who came in with him says the French are in Chihuahua to the number of 2,000. Juarez and his party seem to have money. It seems as if Juarez thought the *finis republicae* had arrived, by his choice of El Paso as a place of retirement. There is no difficulty about "cortailing" him there; and the only line of retreat he is sure of is across the Rio Grande to the land of the red, white and blue. I believe the people of El Paso are not very enthusiastic. They have not marked the arrival of the President by any demonstration.

**THE COMET.**—The anticipated early re-appearance of Biela's Comet, which is now on its way to its perihelion, is attracting the attention of astronomers. A correspondent of the *Boston Courier* says:

It is not yet arrived sufficiently near the earth to be discerned with a telescope; its present distance from the earth being about one hundred and ten millions of miles, and its position near the left arm of Andromeda. It is slowly moving into the adjoining constellation, Pegasus, and on the first day of November next it will be close to the bright [Alpha] Pagasi] Markab, one of the four bright stars forming the well known square of Pegasus. It then pursues a southerly course, crossing the celestial equator about the middle of December. Singularly enough, it then crosses the old path it followed in 1846, and near a point where it was then observed to separate into two comets. It will continue to approach the earth till the end of February, when its distance from the earth will be only one-sixth of its present distance. At that time it will have advanced far into the Southern heavens, and disappear from view here and in higher latitude.

**REGENERATION OF MEXICO.**—Mexico has been regenerated so many times that there is not much of her left. There is a restless spirit of military adventure in the United States, which hankers for distinction in that ancient republic, under the lead of the Constitutional President Juarez, who is regarded by many as only temporarily supplanted by a foreign arch-duke. This spirit, says the *Journal of Commerce*, seems to gain strength as the apparent end of the great rebellion approaches, and eventually may become in this country an important political element. Evidences of its existence have been repeatedly manifested within the last few months, as at New Orleans and on the Pacific coast, where considerable seizures of arms and ammunition have been made by the Federal authorities, evidently intended to assist the Mexican Liberals in their resistance to the Imperialists.

**TROPICAL FRUITS.**—More than 80 cargoes of foreign fruits arrives at the port of New York annually, exclusive of oranges and lemons, from the Mediterranean. Cuba is its chief source of supply for bananas and coco-nuts, and the Bahamas for pine apples. Cargoes of bananas and coco-nuts are commonly worth from \$3,000 to \$10,000, and pine apples say \$6,000. These figures depend largely upon the length of the voyage. If protracted, the loss from decay is almost ruinous. The invariable mode of stowing cargoes is to place a layer of bananas on the coco-nuts in the hold, then construct a rough scaffold of boards for another tier, and above is a deck load. As foreign fruit meets with a larger consumption in the United States than ever before, notwithstanding prices have more than doubled within a few years, the West India planters are turning their attention to this trade, instead of their former crops. In the Bahamas, for instance, the culture of tobacco, once very extensive, is almost abandoned.

# STATE CONVENTION.

Monday, September 25, 1865.

The Convention assembled at 10 o'clock, the President took the Chair, and the deliberations were opened with prayer.

Mr. Thos. Thomson introduced the following resolution; which was agreed to:

*Resolved*, That a Commission, consisting of two persons, be appointed by His Excellency the Provisional Governor, to prepare and report to the next Legislature what laws will be necessary and proper in consequence of the alteration made in the fundamental law, and especially to prepare and submit a code for the regulation of labor and the protection and government of the Colored Population of the State, and that the Legislature fix the compensation of said Commissioners.

A resolution from the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution was amended so as to read as follows:

"Hereafter, there shall be a capitation tax laid by the General Assembly, which, upon each poll, shall never be less than one-fourth of the tax laid on one hundred dollars' worth of land, it being left to the General Assembly to determine what inhabitants of the State shall be excepted from the operation of the law;" was then agreed to, and was referred to the Revisory Committee.

Messrs. Simonton, Frierson and Dudley presented reports from committees.

Mr. F. W. Pickens introduced the following clause for the Constitution; which was referred to the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution:

"For debts hereafter contracted, no real estate shall be subject to levy or execution, but this shall not be construed so as to prevent any legal process against the rents and profits of the same."

Mr. Inglis, from the Committee on the Legislative Department, made a report on the articles prescribing the qualification of voters; which was agreed to, and referred to the Revisory Committee.

The Convention resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, Mr. Sullivan in the Chair, to consider the report of the Committee on Amendments to the Constitution; and after a free discussion of the subject, the President resumed the Chair.

## Hilton Head and Beaufort.

Hilton Head presents the appearance of a busy little town, although it is nothing but a creation of military necessity. But one house stood there when our forces first took possession of the place. The Hilton Head expedition and the subsequent occupation of Beaufort are still remembered as one of the first cheering successes of the war. Since then a considerable number of neat houses, large and small, has been built for the accommodation of military and naval officials.

A business street, Merchant's Row, has sprung up, giving evidence of the commercial enterprise of our army sutlers. Extensive piers and wharves afford the necessary accommodations for the shipping, and clusters of naval and military work-shops and storehouses are scattered on the islands enclosing the spacious bay. The harbor is said to be superior in depth and security to those of Charleston and Savannah, and if, as seems to be the intention, the Government work-shops and magazines remain there permanently, Hilton Head is likely to become one of the chief commercial towns on the Southern coast. A city has been laid out on one of the islands, considerable sums of money have already been invested in lots, and if Northern energy and enterprise take hold of the changes presented here, the result can hardly be doubtful. All that is necessary to secure the future development of the place is a railroad connection with Branchville. Here is a spot for a Northern colony in South Carolina.

An hour's ride on a steam tug took us across the bay to Beaufort. The appearance of the town disappointed my expectations. When our troops took possession of it in the early part of the war, it was described by the newspaper correspondents as composed of the most elegant mansions, in which the wealthy planters of this region led a luxurious life. There are indeed some large houses in the place, but they are clumsy, sober-looking square structures, with nothing of that ornamental elegance which we are accustomed to find in the country houses of the North. The town is at present almost exclusively inhabited by colored people; I saw but very few white faces there. An ambulance ride to a plantation in the neighborhood was far more interesting.—*Boston Advertiser*.

## Colored Race in the United States.

The wild talk now about the negroes spreading all over the country, and now about their speedy and total extinction, makes it proper to look at the census—that valuable document which Gen. Sherman says he always had in his saddle-bags while marching through Georgia. The following table gives a bird's eye view of the whole subject of the respective numbers and increase of the two races in this country:

Census	White Pop.	Incr <sup>o</sup> per ct.	Slave and Free Col'd	Incr <sup>o</sup> per ct.
1790	3,172,464		757,363	
1800	4,304,489	35.68	1,001,436	32.23
1810	5,862,004	36.18	1,377,810	37.58
1820	7,861,937	34.12	1,771,562	28.58
1830	10,537,378	34.03	2,323,642	31.44
1840	14,195,695	34.72	2,874,758	23.41
1850	19,553,068	37.74	3,638,762	26.62
1860	26,975,575	37.07	4,441,730	22.07

From these figures, it will be seen that while the ratio of increase of the white race has been rising during the last two decades, that of the negro has been falling. It may be stated that the great cause of difference is owing to immigration, and that is why the early increase of the blacks was so great before the African slave trade was closed up.

The following table is still more striking from its brevity. It shows the respective proportions of the two races in the United States, as exhibited in each census:

Years	Whites.	S. and F. Col'd.
1790	80.73	19.27
1800	81.13	18.87
1810	80.97	19.03
1820	81.57	18.43
1830	81.90	18.10
1840	83.18	16.83
1850	84.31	15.69
1860	85.83	14.12

Thus, the colored race has fallen from nearly one-fifth of the whole mass of population to about one-seventh. This is the showing of figures taken five years ago. The war undoubtedly has had the effect to lessen the proportion of the colored race. It is apparent, therefore, that the race is losing ground steadily, but by natural causes and at a regular rate. [*Boston Traveller*].

## A REFUGEE FOR THE TRUTH'S SAKE.

A Chattanooga letter-writer says: "This morning, attending the services in the post chapel, we heard a sermon preached by the Rev. J. H. Caldwell, of Newnan, Georgia, which, for earnest and eloquent denunciation of the practice and effect of slavery, and for clear and logical perception of the result of this war, was certainly the ablest and most effective discourse it has been my lot to hear."

Mr. Caldwell is a South Carolinian, nearly related to John C. Calhoun, and has been a slaveholder all his life, having inherited about a score of slaves. He has always lived South, is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, and of the Georgia Conference. He claims, and I doubt not its truth, to have been originally opposed to secession, though going with his own section in the war, when the fatal die was thrown.

The war has made him poor. His negroes have left, stock run off, and farm run down. Fifty thousand dollars would not make him whole. After the issuing of the Amnesty Proclamation of President Johnson, Mr. Caldwell, then preaching in the town of Newnan, and at a church two miles off, preached two sermons, one of which I heard this morning. After listening, I wondered not at Mr. Caldwell's statement, that a large portion of his congregation left before he had finished.

The scars which the war has left are terrible. The South is mutilated almost beyond recognition. The following is an estimate, by the Raleigh (N. C.) *Progress*, of the number of Southern men enlisted and killed or disabled during the rebellion:

States.	Enlistments.	Dead and disabled.
Alabama	120,000	70,000
Arkansas, say	50,000	30,000
Florida	17,000	10,000
Georgia	131,000	76,000
Kentucky, say	50,000	30,000
Louisiana, say	60,000	34,000
Mississippi	78,000	45,000
Missouri, say	40,000	24,000
Maryland, say	49,000	24,000
North Carolina	140,000	85,000
South Carolina	65,000	40,000
Tennessee, say	60,000	34,000
Texas, say	93,000	53,000
Virginia, say	180,000	105,000
Total	1,124,000	660,000

What an appalling record! Six hundred and sixty thousand men dead and disabled! This is probably far below the truth. And all because of the unhalloved ambition of half a dozen reckless politicians.

The Greenville papers announce the sudden death, from disease of the heart, of Mr. Thomas Powell, an old and respected citizen of that town.

## TOWN COUNCIL OF GREENVILLE.

The following is the result of the election, held on Monday last for Intendant and Wardens: G. E. Elford, Intendant; R. McKay, Hamlin Beatrice, T. Q. Donaldson, C. M. McJunkin, L. Williams, S. S. Gibbes, Wardens.

## MARRIED.

On Sunday, the 24th instant, by Rev. Mr. Pringle, Mr. ROBERT H. VANCE, of the 27th Ohio V. V. I., to Miss MARY J. TULLY, of Columbia.

## Wanted to Hire,

A RESPECTABLE WHITE GIRL, to cook and do house-work for a family of five persons. Liberal wages punctually paid. Inquire on Richland street, three doors East of Bull. Sept 26 2\*

## MANTUAMAKERS.

LADIES' DRESSES made in the latest fashions and on the cheapest terms by C. MARY & M. MOTT, Bull street, next corner of Blanding st. Sept 26

## EXTRA FAMILY FLOUR!

BY Sept 26 SPECK & POLOCK.

## Wanted,

TWO FIRST-CLASS SAWYERS, for Circular Saw Mills. None other need apply. JOHN ALEXANDER, Congaree Iron Works, Columbia, S. C. Sept 26 4

## LOST,

BY the subscriber, in the street, on Friday last, somewhere between Hitchcock's Livery Stables and Bower's Steam Mill, a new broad brim BLACK FUR HAT, about size seven. The finder will confer a favor by leaving it at this office, or with Mr. HITCHCOCK, at his Stables. Sept 26 2\* R. WARD.

## Acacia Lodge.

AN extra communication of this Lodge will be held THIS AFTERNOON, at 4 o'clock, in the Hall in the College Campus, for the purpose of conferring the third degree. By order of the W. M. E. O. WITHERINGTON, Secretary. Sept 26 1

## JUST RECEIVED,

1,000 LBS. BACON. 10 bbls. LARD. For sale at reduced prices by P. F. CUTTINO, Corner Boundary and Assembly streets. Sept 26

## Blue Stone!

2,000 LBS. SUPERIOR ENGLISH, for sale LOW by DR. P. MELVIN COHEN, Druggist, Pickens street, head of Lady street. Sept 26 1

## GOLD,

GREENBACKS OR COTTON!

WILL be taken in exchange for 50 MULES, young and healthy; for 50 sets HARNESS, in good order; and for 12 WAGONS, almost new, which will be offered at private sale on MONDAY next. Any person buying all the above articles, six months time will be given, approved note, payable to the First National Bank, at Charlotte, N. C. For further particulars, inquire of JOHN S. WILEY, Express Office, Wm. J. WILEY, Columbia, S. C. Sept 26 6\*

## TO RENT,

WITH FURNITURE, the subscriber's RESIDENCE, opposite the Lunatic Asylum; and fifteen acres of LAND, near it, will be let with the house, or separately, if desired. The house contains closets, a pantry and eight rooms above and three rooms in the basement. The out-buildings are a Carriage House and Stable; a Servant's House, with four rooms; and a spacious Kitchen, with a fine "Cooking Range." There are also Flower, Fruit and Vegetable Gardens, a well of water and yards for the cow, horses and poultry. FOR SALE—A commodious FAMILY CARRIAGE, nearly new. Apply to A. R. PHILLIPS, Bedell's Row, or WILLIAM J. TAYLOR. Sept 26 3

## Beach, Root & Co.,

Liverpool, England. Marshall, Beach & Co., Charleston, S. C. Salomon, Root & Co., Commercial Building, 42 Broadway, N. Y.

NEW YORK, SEPTEMBER 1, 1865. WE have this day entered into copartnership, for the purpose of conducting a GENERAL COMMISSION and BANKING BUSINESS at each of the points above named. Our attention will also be devoted to filling orders and making collections for our Southern friends. Advances made on consignments of PRODUCE to either firm. Very respectfully, J. N. BEACH, of Liverpool. E. W. MARSHALL, of Charleston. S. ROOT, of Atlanta, Ga. E. SALOMON, late of New Orleans.

## REFERENCES.

UNION BANK, Liverpool. H. R. CLAFLIN & CO., New York. J. H. BROWER, Esq., New York. H. ROBERTS, Savannah. C. M. FURMAN, Esq., President Bank of State S. C., Charleston. E. J. HART & CO., New Orleans. JOHN CALDWELL, Columbia, S. C. Sept 26

# Auction Sales.

## Variety Sale.

By Jacob Levin. TO-MORROW MORNING, at 10 o'clock, I will sell, at my store, without reserve, Barrels Water Crackers. " White Beans. Boxes Adamantine Candles. " Soap, Spice, Cloves, Starch, Virginia Nails, &c. ALSO, A variety of Glassware. One Dinner Set, Dresden China, consisting of 55 pieces. Sundry Law Books, &c. ALSO, Sundry articles of Furniture. 15 bottles superior Madeira Wine, said to be forty years old. Sept 26

## Real Estate.

By Jacob Levin. ON MONDAY MORNING, October 2, I will sell positively, without reserve, That new and neat COTTAGE BUILDING, with the land on which it is erected, consisting of half an acre, situated on the East corner of Gates street—measuring on the same 104 feet 4 inches, and on the North by Medium street, measuring 208 feet 8 inches. The building has been erected within the last four years, contains 4 rooms and pantry, with portico front and rear; also brick basement, finished, with 4 rooms, garden and good well of water. Persons desiring to purchase are requested to examine the premises, as the property will be positively sold. Sept 24 7

## A New Assortment of

DRY GOODS, BOOTS, SHOES & HATS! A SHIVER & BECKHAL'S, Sept 26 1\* Next to Shiver House.

## BACON,

HERRINGS, &c. 1,000 LBS. prime Western BACON. 25 boxes SMOKED HERRINGS. 1 bbl. PICKLED SALMON. 2 bbls. CRUSHED SUGAR. Just received and for sale by Sept 26 2 J. G. GIBBES.

## Canal Flour.

68 BBLs. EXTRA CANAL FLOUR, just received and for sale at Sept 26 1 CANTWELL'S.

## SUGAR-CURED HAMS.

5 TIERCES SUGAR-CURED HAMS, for sale low at Sept 26 1 CANTWELL'S, Bedell's Row.

## GUNNY BAGGING, &c.

5 BALES GUNNY BAGGING. 400 lbs. BAGGING TWINE. 20 coils BALE ROPE. Just received and for sale by Sept 26 1 P. CANTWELL, Bedell's Row.

## SEGAARS,

SCOTCH ALE, PORTER, &c. 10 M HAVANA SEGAARS. 20 boxes and casks SCOTCH ALE. 5 casks LONDON PORTER. Just received and for sale at Sept 26 1 CANTWELL'S, Bedell's Row.

## LATEST FASHIONS.

MRS. M. E. BRADY HAS just returned from New York with a LARGE ASSORTMENT of

## FANCY Millinery Goods ! !

FINE FRENCH FLOWERS. FEATHERS. Latest style HEAD PENS. BONNETS. FINE STRAW HATS. A LARGE VARIETY OF FANCY BUTTONS. BUGLE GIMPS. FRINGES. CORDS and TASSELS. HAIR PINS. STAMPED SKIRTS. And Patterns of Latest Fashions from Madame Demorest's Emporium of Fashion. Besides a large variety of other FANCY ARTICLES. Prepared, also, to STAMP Braiding Patterns for Skirts, &c. Ladies are invited to call and examine. Mrs. M. E. BRADY, Richland street, Between Main and Assembly. Sept 26 3

## Headquarters 1st Sub-District,

DISTRICT OF WESTERN S. C., COLUMBIA, S. C., September 25, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3. ALL restrictions heretofore imposed upon the sale of intoxicating liquors in the city of Columbia, S. C., by order from these Headquarters, are hereby removed, except so far as they relate to enlisted men of the United States army and United States Government employees. By order of Brevet Brig. Gen. W. P. RICHARDSON, Commanding. JOHN WATSON, Lieut. and A. A. G. Sept 26 3