

By Telegraph.

Destruction of Government Cotton.

MOBILE, December 1.—The Times has reliable information that 4,000 bales of Government cotton were destroyed by fire, at Columbus, Mississippi, on the 25th of November. It was the work of an incendiary. Loss about \$1,000,000.

Conflict Between Militia and Negroes.

GRENADA, MISSISSIPPI, November 30.—A collision took place here last night, between a party of the State militia searching for arms among the freedmen, and a squad of negroes, assisted by some colored soldiers. Several of the militia were wounded, one severely. Large numbers of muskets, ammunition, &c., were found and taken from negroes.

Great Fire in New York.

NEW YORK, December 2.—A fire which occurred early this morning, on State street, destroyed three large bonded warehouses, together with 7,000 bales of cotton and other merchandise. The buildings were six stories, and are complete ruins. It is reported that seven or eight firemen were killed by falling walls. The loss is estimated at nearly \$2,000,000.

Another Terrible Railroad Accident.

EASTON, December 1.—A terrible accident occurred West of White House, to-day. A coal train going up a grade broke in half, and the rear cars ran back down the grade. The express train came round the curve at full speed and ran into it. The engineer and firemen jumped off and were not injured. The first passenger car was driven through the baggage car, and thirty or forty persons killed or wounded who occupied this car.

The Constitutional Amendment Ratified by North Carolina.

WASHINGTON, December 1.—The President, to-night, received the following despatch:

RALEIGH, N. C., December 1. To the President of the United States: Sir: The Legislature has ratified, with but six dissenting votes, the Congressional amendment abolishing slavery. Five judges have been elected—all good selections. Three of my provisional appointments have been confirmed. [Signed] W. W. HOLDEN, Provisional Governor.

Affairs in South America.

NEW YORK, December 2.—Advices have been received from Rio Janeiro to the 4th ult., brought by the steamship Havana. This is the opening of regular communication with Brazil by a direct steam mail route. It was the confident expectation at Rio Janeiro that the war with Paraguay would soon be over, the late victories of the allied forces over the Paraguayans being regarded as decisive. The latter had received another repulse at Corrientes. Prof. Agassiz was, at last accounts, following the upward course of the Amazon River. He had made some important scientific discoveries, having added to his list some sixty new species of fish. It was the impression at Rio Janeiro that there would be a large immigration into Brazil from the United States, and the Southern gentlemen who had gone out with a view to arrange for colonization parties, had met with a cordial welcome at the hands of the public authorities.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, December 3.—Senator Wilson has prepared a bill, and will press it to an early vote, repealing all laws in the South which recognize inequalities in civil rights and immunities in consequence of distinction or difference of color, race or descent.

The Republican caucus renominated Hon. Schuyler Colfax for Speaker and Mr. McPherson for Clerk by acclamation. All the other incumbents were renominated expecting the postmaster.

No Southern members were admitted to the caucus.

A resolution was unanimously adopted, to be offered in both Houses, for the appointment of a committee of fifteen to consider the condition of the so-called Confederate States, and report whether any of them are entitled to representation. No member will be admitted until such report be made and acted upon by Congress.

A special despatch to the New York News, dated Washington, December 1, says: There is reason to believe that the English Government has made a formal demand upon Mr. Seward for the suppression of all public Fenian demonstrations, and that the failure to do so will be regarded as a hostile act. This demand is based upon disclosures recently made in England, relative to the strength and object of the Fenian movement, and the matter was considered in the Cabinet meeting to-day. The Radicals are getting somewhat uneasy.

It is reported that the President has communicated to Senator Doolittle enough of his plans to encourage the Conservatives in the belief that some of the Southern members may be admitted during the session. The movement in favor of Mr. Raymond, for Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee, in place of Mr. Stevens, promises to succeed, but is not certain yet.

The recent reported evacuation of Chihuahua and Sinaloa by the French, is not believed by those best informed on Mexican affairs. The French are known to be in strong force at Monterey and Durango, and the reported evacuation was probably a strategic movement.

The report was not credited by the Cabinet. There is a quorum of members now here, and both houses will be organized on Monday, ready to receive the President's message. Mr. Colfax's re-election is regarded as so certain that he receives numerous requests for favors of various kinds in the gift of the Speaker.

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TRIAL OF JEFFERSON DAVIS.—The New York Commercial's Washington correspondent says:

The last on dit is that General Butler is preparing the legal authorities for the arraignment and trial of Jefferson Davis before a court-martial, which will be held in accordance with the demand of a majority of the members of Congress. Perhaps this is a mere canard, but there are some reasons adduced to show that it may be founded on fact. The General appears to have buried the hatchet at the War Department, and he is now on the best of terms, apparently, with Mr. Stanton, who did not love him in times past. We shall see in due time what l'entente cordiale will produce.

The gun-boat Chickamauga, sunk by the Confederates in Cape Fair River, below Wilmington, North Carolina, on the capture of Forts Fisher and Caswell, by the national troops, in January last, has been raised and taken to Wilmington for overhauling and repairs. She is a screw steamer, and her machinery is said to be still in excellent condition. The Chickamauga's career was a short but quite a successful one.

The London papers publish a long account of the funeral of Tom Sayers, the pugilist. The affair wound up with a grand set-to between the police and the roughs, in which the former, after a desperate struggle, were successful. After the skirmish, the cemetery grounds presented the appearance of quite an extensive battleground—wounded men lying around in every direction. It was a disgraceful affair throughout.

Sugar, it seems, can be produced by other than slave labor. The production of sugar in the Sandwich Islands has reached to 9,000,000 pounds yearly, and is increasing with such rapidity, that an intelligent sugar engineer (Mr. McGregor) from the islands, estimates the production in 1865, at 16,000,000 pounds, and in 1866, at 18,000,000.

MINNESOTA ELECTION.—NEGRO SUFFRAGE.—Negro suffrage has been voted down by the people of this Republican State, as well as in Wisconsin and Connecticut. It is strange that with these results in Northern States, any one will have the impudence to urge the measure upon the South.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Washington Union is severe on the gentleman from Lowell. It says: "If Gen. Butler had been in heaven during the rebellion there, he would have stolen all the gold of the New Jerusalem, and run away with the silver of the Arm of the Covenant."

Lieutenant-Colonel Hallonquist, formerly of South Carolina, a Confederate officer who commanded a battalion of artillery in 1861, and who was present at Santa Rosa Island and Shiloh, has received the appointment of chief of artillery from the Emperor of Mexico.

The Mississippi Legislature passed the exemption bill over the Governor's veto. It exempts from execution of judgment \$3,000 worth of property belonging to the head of a family, children, &c. The Legislature did not pass the "stay law" over the veto.

DEATH OF TOBACCO.—The New York Daily News says: The Free Will Baptist General Conference of Maine has passed a resolution prohibiting the ordination of ministers who use tobacco. The clergyman addicted to the use of the weed say they "don't see much free will about that."

A HUGE BOUNTY CLAIM.—A Mr. Burrill, of Brookline, Massachusetts, has presented a claim to the city authorities of Boston, for nearly \$1,000,000, which he contends is due to him on a written contract, for obtaining soldiers for the quotas of Boston.

W. A. Graham, Esq., has been elected Senator from North Carolina for the long term, receiving one hundred and thirty-eight out of one hundred and fifty-four votes. Graham was in the Confederate Senate, and has not been pardoned.

Connecticut, of course, will not be represented in the next Congress, as (says the Boston Post) no delegates from people who refuse negro votes, according to the Hon. Charles Sumner, can be recognized at Washington.

The National Intelligencer has ascertained that both the French and Mexican legations discredit the firing by American troops on the Imperial war vessels, as reported in the telegrams from the Rio Grande.

The Louisville Journal attaches some importance to a rumor that an immense quantity of powder is being accumulated at Cairo, and that commissary's, quartermaster's and medical stores are gathering there for 100,000 men.

The fine courthouse at Lexington, Davidson County, North Carolina, and the building near it belonging to Mr. Pennery, occupied as the post office, was destroyed by fire last Thursday night. It was doubtless the work of an incendiary.

The railroad depot at Medford, Massachusetts, was broken into recently and the safe blown open and robbed. One of the burglars was found on the floor in the morning, with his skull fractured by a piece of iron blown from the safe.

The action of the military authorities at Mobile in refusing to obey a writ of habeas corpus in the case of Dexter, charged with cotton frauds against the Government, was sustained by the President.

Hon. William A. Graham has refused to take his seat in the North Carolina Senate, because of the failure of the President, it is alleged, to grant him the benefit of the amnesty proclamation.

Gottschalk has composed a piece for the piano, called "Her Eyes." The New Bedford Mercury says he is now at work on another fantasy, to be called "That Nose."

The Philadelphia Age says a leading coal merchant in that city returns an income of \$400,000.

Hon. Walter A. Forward, Judge of the Supreme Court of Florida, died in Savannah, recently.

Gen. McDowell has been sued for \$100,000 for arbitrary arrests in California.

INCREASE OF THE STANDING ARMY.—A bill will undoubtedly be brought before the next Congress, and probably worked through, inasmuch as it is reasonable in every particular, providing for a standing army of 75,000 men, which will require the addition of twenty-one regiments of infantry, three regiments of cavalry, and two of artillery.

In the Missouri House, last week, a series of resolutions favoring negro suffrage were introduced, and, after some discussion, indefinitely postponed, by a vote of fifty-three to fifty-one. A large number of radicals voted for the postponement.

A Colonel, brother of a Major-General, who had "excellent chances" in the South for about six months, was found to be worth \$7,000,000 at his death. His brother thinks the war closed out two years too soon.

COMMERCIAL.

NEW YORK, December 2.—The receipts of cotton have been 2,927 bales. The market continued dull, and prices ruled even more irregular, closing entirely nominal, with holders anxious to realize. The sales were about 2,300 bales, at 37@38c. for ordinary; 50@51c. for middling; and 52@53c. for good middling.

Prime cochineal was scarce and mostly wanted. Prices were firm with a good business at our quotations, as follows: Honduras, per pound, \$1.30@1.45; Mexico, \$1.10@1.25; and Teneriffe and Curacoa, \$1.35@1.45.

Government securities, to-day, have gone up, with a strong demand. At the Board, sixes, of 1861, went up 1/2; five-twelves, 1862, 1/2; seven-thirties, 1/2. Money decidedly easier, without any change in the rates. The Sub-Treasury has been redeeming 5 per cent. notes in greenbacks of the Government and National currency, and this gives ease to the market. Gold stood almost unchanged at 48, but finally fell a fraction. There has been only a nominal demand for customs, and a very slight one for exportation.

CHARLESTON, December 4.—Cotton market stiff, but sales small. We continue our previous quotations, at 45@46c. for middling; 47c. for strict middling, and 48c. for good middling.

WILMINGTON, December 2.—Sales of six bales repacked cotton, at 35@40c.; one bale low middling, at 42c.; 16 bales middling, at 43@43 1/2; 97 bbls. tar, at \$3.15; 60 bbls. crude turpentine, at \$5.25; 200 bbls. common rosin, at \$4.50; 39 bbls. spirits turpentine, at 60c., and 40 bbls. colored at 52@55c.

Columbia Wholesale Prices Current. CORRECTED WEEKLY BY A. L. SOLOMON.

Table listing various commodities and their prices, including Apples, Bagging, Bale Rope, Bacon, Butter, Bricks, Cotton Yarn, Candles, Coffee, Cheese, Corn, Flour, Hay, Hides, Lard, Lime, Molasses, Nails, Onions, Oil, Peas, Potatoes, Rice, Specie, Salt, Soap, Sugar, Spirits, Tea, Tobacco, Vinegar, Wine, and Meats.

DOMESTIC MARKET.

Table listing domestic market prices for Meats (Pork, Beef, Mutton) and Poultry (Turkeys, Ducks, Chickens, Geese).

Counting House Calendar for 1866.

Counting House Calendar for 1866, showing months from Jan to Dec with days of the week and numbers.

NOTICE.

ALL persons holding claims against the estate of Mrs. H. C. ELMORE, will present them properly attested, and all persons indebted to said estate will make payment to F. H. ELMORE, A. R. ELMORE, Administrators.

NEW GOODS!

AT CHARLESTON PRICES!! RAISINS, NUTS, SOAP, STARCH. Sugar, Coffee, Cheese, Figs. Prunes, Flour, Crackers, Sardines, &c. By J. H. CLARKSON & CO., At Charleston & Talley's.

For Sale,

AT \$5 PER BUSHEL, 100 BUSHELS superior Bush Cotton SEED, "Dixon" variety—the best variety planted. Apply at plantation, 17 1/2 miles below Columbia, on the McCord Ferry Road. W. WESTON, Dec 7

For Sale,

A LOT OF SUPERFINE FLOUR. BY JAMES CATHCART, Cotton Town. Dec 7 3*

Just Received!

4 DOZ. COUNTER SCALES. 4 " MEAT CUTTERS. 50 bbls. fine FAMILY FLOUR. CORN, BUTTER, BACON, &c. North Carolina APPLES, at 75c. per peck. Dec 7 1* FISHER & LOWRANCE.

E. & G. D. HOPE

HAVE just received the LARGEST STOCK OF GOODS IN THE CITY, consisting of GROCERIES, HARDWARE, DRY GOODS, HATS, BOOTS and SHOES, which will be sold low for cash or country produce, at their old stand, Main street. Dec 7 3

STOLEN,

FROM my stable, on Sunday evening, a horse MULE, SADDLE and BRIDLE. The Mule was a dark bay, the two fore legs bowed, or sprung at the knees, with several small spots about the neck. A suitable reward will be paid (together with expenses) for his return to me. PETER W. KRAFT, Dec 7 3 Crane Creek, near Columbia.

GUNSMITHING.

PETER W. KRAFT would respectfully inform his old friends and customers that he has resumed his old business of a GUNSMITH, and will promptly attend to all orders. Dec 7 12

25 CENT CALICOES.

JUST opened one case best ENGLISH and AMERICAN PRINTS, at 25 cents per yard. Call and examine. SHIVER & BECKHAM, Dec 7 3 Next door to Shiver House.

10-4 Sheeting.

ONE case of the above DESIRABLE GOODS, at reduced prices, at SHIVER & BECKHAM'S, Dec 7 3 Next door to Shiver House.

BLEACHED

LONG CLOTHS.

TWO cases, just opened, from 25c. to \$1 per yard, at SHIVER & BECKHAM'S, Dec 7 3 Next to Shiver House.

SHOES, SHOES.

GENTS, LADIES and CHILDREN—at very much reduced rates. Dec 7 3 SHIVER & BECKHAM.

To Rent,

A WELL-SETTLED PLANTATION, consisting of about 1,500 acres of Land—800 of which are cleared, and the remainder well timbered. On the said plantation are a Saw Mill, Grist Mill and Gin, propelled by water power. Situated in the fork of the Congaree and Wateree Rivers, on the South Carolina Railroad, about one mile from Kingsville and a mile and a half from Gadsden. Location healthy and all the buildings in good condition, capable of accommodating between fifty and seventy-five laborers. On the premises, also, is a good Overseer's House. The said property can be rented on shares with owners, or the whole, if desired. Apply to Dec 7 6* HANAHAN & WARLEY.

Auction Sales.

By Durbee & Walter. WILL be sold, at our mart, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, at 9 o'clock, The following articles: Sofas, Chairs, Tables, Benches, Cooking Stove, Mackerel, Soap, Butter, Candles, Olive Oil, Cigars, Whiskey, Spices, Crockery, Cooking Utensils, &c. Sale positive and without reserve. Dec 7 2

Groceries and Hardware.

By JAMES G. GIBBES. C. F. HARRISON, AUCTIONEER. THIS (Thursday) MORNING, 10 1/2 o'clock, will be sold, at my store, 5 hds. Bacon. 20 boxes Mackerel. 20 boxes Herrings. 10 bbls. Flour. 5 boxes assorted Candies. 2 doz. Buckets. 5 " Brooms. 1 case Pine Apple Cheese. 5 boxes Soap. 2 cases Sardines.

ALSO, An invoice of Hardware and sundry other articles. Dec 7 2. Unlimited articles received up to 10 o'clock on day of sale.

Furniture, Coes, Carriage, &c.

By Levin & Peixotto.

WILL be sold, before our store, TO-MORROW (Friday) MORNING, 8th inst., at 10 o'clock, A large assortment of FURNITURE, consisting of: Mahogany Wardrobe, Mahogany Chairs, Case Chairs, Marble-top Washstand, Office Chairs, Bedsteads, Mattresses, two very fine Carpets, Rocking Chairs, Sideboard, Tables, &c.

ALSO, A few Plows, Reaping Cradles, &c. AT 11 O'CLOCK, 3 fine Milch Cows and Calves. 1 fine four-seat Carriage. Dec 7 2

BOOTS, SHOES AND LEATHER.

THE subscribers have just received a general assortment of BOOTS and SHOES, consisting of: Gent's Single and Double-soled BOOTS, (Philadelphia make,) Balmorals, Gaiters, Booties, Brogans, &c. Also, a fine lot of the very best Baltimore Oak Sole LEATHER. We will, as usual, make to order all varieties of Boots and Shoes, of the best material and workmanship, for cash only—a rule from which there will be no exception. J. & A. OLIVER, Sumter st., between Richland and Laurel. Dec 7 1mo*

FANNING'S RESTAURANT!

On Assembly, next door to Pain Street.

The Subscriber

Will furnish BREAKFAST, From 8 to 10 o'clock A. M.

LUNCH,

At 11 A. M. DINNER. At any time between 2 and 4 o'clock p. m. Dec 7 3

TIN! TIN!

50 BOXES TIN PLATE, all grades. 20 bundles WIRE, all sizes. 25 bundles Sheet Iron, common and best. 10 pigs Block Tin. For sale by FRANCIS H. DUC, 422 King street, Charleston, S. C. Dec 7 thmtu3

Wofford College,

SPARTANBURG C. H., S. C.

THE next session will begin on the SECOND MONDAY in January, 1866. In addition to regular students, those who may desire to pursue select studies will be received into the institution.

A Preparatory School is also kept in the College, under the supervision of the Faculty. Tuition, including contingent fee, \$54 per year. Board about \$12 per month. Tuition and Board are reckoned in specie, but payable in paper currency.

A. M. SHIPP, Dec 7 thm President Wofford College.

SPARTANBURG FEMALE COLLEGE.

BY request of the Trustees of this institution, it is at present under the supervision of the Faculty of Wofford College. The undersigned, with P. F. DePRE and such assistants teachers as may be necessary, will give instruction at the Female College.

The next session will begin on the 2d MONDAY in January, 1866. Tuition, including contingent fee, \$50 per year; Music, including use of instrument, \$45 per year; French, \$30; Board, about \$12 per month.

Tuition and Board are reckoned in specie, but payable in paper currency. The course of studies is liberal and extended, including Ancient Languages and instruction in Vocal Music, for which no extra charge is made. A. M. SHIPP, Dec 7 thm President Wofford College.