

A Christmas Invitation.

Christmas is drawing near, that Feast of joy and happiness; already the heart of a Christian community exults at the thought of the consoling scenes which enliven the domestic fireside, obscuring beneath the veil of a temporary oblivion the crosses and cares of every day life.

But in the midst of our enjoyments, and while surrounded by a home-circle of health and happiness, let us not be deaf to the voice of that guardian spirit, which ever whispers in our ear and endeavors to touch the tender cords of our hearts with the words—"remember the poor."

Oh! how can we enjoy, with a peaceful conscience, the blessings of our Heavenly Father, when we know that so many of His suffering members are destitute of every earthly comfort, calling on us for relief, while we hesitate to proffer even the limited aid, which our Creator wishes us to extend to our fellow-creatures; and which He looks upon, and rewards as done to Himself.

We have no excuse now to say, "we do not know who is in need." The unmentioned accounts, show plain-ly than words, that we have only to send our gifts to the good Sisters of Mercy, and rested assured that it will be disposed of according to our wishes.

Some may say—"money is so scarce, I have none to send," but the Sisters will thankfully accept any gift in behalf of the poor.

We can send to their convent, (instead of money,) some food or clothing, to be distributed by them, to our destitute brethren; we will thereby bring joy and happiness to many a desolate hearth, and draw down the blessings of heaven on ourselves and families for the coming year.

Let us not wait until the eve of the great Festival to deposit our mite in the Sister's hands, if so, they can hardly accomplish the work of distribution in time, for the poor people to have a Merry Christmas over it, as the Sisters have to dispose of our contributions according to the number of applicants.

The names of all who send Christmas donations. (whether of money or goods) for the poor, to the Sisters of mercy, will be published in the "Vindicator," in the first week of January. (By a friend of the poor.

Number of sick persons visited by the Sisters since December 18, 1871. 72
No. of patients who died while attended by the Sisters. 22
Total amount of money received by the Sisters for the poor since April 2d, 1872. \$580 65
Am't expended on food for the poor. \$481 55
Do " " Clothing 73 30
Do " " Medicines 25 80 \$580 65

The allusion of L. D. Bently, Editor of the Donaldsonville Chief, a Radical sheet, and Tax Collector by grace of Grant and Durrell; in relation to the Editor of the Vindicator, is a weak attempt to "measure our corn in his own bushel." Bently simply lies, and it would give us pleasure to say so to his face. We have no acquaintance with this fellow, nor do we desire it, for his associations class him as any thing but a gentleman; but we believe he was one of the warm supporters of Greeley in 1872, and was consulted with the official printing as a recompense for his want of principle.

De Radio.

If it be true—and there appears to be very little doubt the fact—that this individual, who is now under arrest for conduct unbecoming an officer and a gentleman in the country parishes of this State, is the accomplice and fellow-assassin of Orsini, the fact of his holding a commission in the army is an insult to every United States officer, and he should be at once ignominiously drummed out of the service.

It can no longer be a matter of surprise that a man wearing the uniform of our army should have struck and abused an aged prisoner under his charge, that prisoner being one of the most highly respected citizens of Louisiana, when it is known that the brute who perpetrated this outrage is a criminal of the vilest class—the assassin of more than one hundred and fifty innocent victims, who were killed by the bombs thrown under the carriage of the Emperor Napoleon III—and who capped the climax of his infamy by becoming State's evidence against the men who had purchased his aid in their bloody work for a paltry sum of money.

We cannot believe, for a single moment that such a contemptible scoundrel will be allowed to continue to disgrace the service into which he has managed to smuggle himself and we trust the military authorities of this department will lose no time in dealing stern military justice to the dastardly villain.—Attakapas Sentinel.

In a Montany newspaper appeared the following:—"A number of deaths are unavoidably postponed."

Fighting at Vicksburg.

PARTICULARS BY MAIL.

The Vicksburg Herald, of the 8th inst., contains the following particulars of the first day's fighting at and around Vicksburg:

About 3 o'clock yesterday morning an alarm was sounded from the court-house, and many citizens hastened to that place, but as there being NO IMMEDIATE DANGER, retired to their homes.

About 5 o'clock the alarm was again sounded, and the citizen soldiery again gathered in small numbers. About 9 o'clock, however, the court-house fire bells rang out a general alarm, and from mouth to mouth—from one to another—all over the city, went the intelligence that the negroes in armed bodies were advancing on the city from several directions. Immediately in every street, from almost every house, armed men hurried to the court-house, and in half an hour a company of about one hundred men, under command of Col. Horace Miller, marched out Grove street and

MET THE NEGROES.

inside of the city limits, at a bridge near Point Lookout, under command of Andrew Owens. Col. Miller ordered a halt, and himself rode forward and advised the negroes to disperse. He warned them that they were violating the law, and unless they dispersed to their homes the consequences might be severe. Owens replied that he was there, with his followers, in response to orders from Crosby, and would only disperse at Crosby's orders. Owens was then permitted to visit Crosby, who was under guard at the Court-house, and returned to his men with orders from Crosby to retire to their homes. This they apparently consented to do, but as the whites were retiring to their command, the negroes defiantly announced that they had come there for a fight, and were going to have it.

FIGHTING THEN COMMENCED

on both sides, the negroes fleeing after the first few rounds, followed up by the citizens with a desultory fire. Six or seven negroes were killed in this skirmish, about as many wounded, and fifteen or twenty taken prisoners. This body of "invaders" having been dispersed, Col. Miller's command returned to the court-house.

A little past ten o'clock a heavy body of armed negroes was reported on the Jackson road, near the Pemberton monument, and a detachment of the citizen soldiery was dispatched thither, and there

THE MOST BANGUINARY ENGAGEMENT of the day occurred. The negroes were encountered, strongly entrenched at the old Federal breastwork, just under the brow of the hill immediately this side of the Pemberton monument. The citizens opened a skirmish fire upon them, which was kept up for more than half an hour, without any effect on either side. While this skirmish was going on, Capt. John Hogan, with several white men from the neighborhood of Snyder's Bluff, en route for the city, came up on the opposite side of the hill, and were fired upon from an ambush. Mr. Oliver Brown, a son-in-law of Mr. Snyder, was shot through the head, and almost instantly killed.

Capt. Hogan's company and the citizens then made a terrific charge upon the negroes, who took refuge in a cane-brake, after a short and bloody fight. About twenty-five of the poor dupes and wretches were killed and wounded here. After their first volley upon Capt. Hogan's company they fired wildly, and though their loss was heavy, no other casualty was reported on the sides of the whites.

OUT CHERRY STREET

to meet a body of negroes approaching from that direction. The negroes were found in considerable force just south of the city; and while one company advanced in front, the other made a detour to the right, and a third company (which had gone out the Yazoo Valley), came up on the left flank, and with a yell the three companies charged, the negroes, after a few shots, scampering as fast as their legs could carry them. They were followed by the cavalry for some distance, and utterly routed. Numerous bodies of negroes were dispersed on other roads by the cavalry, and by half past 11 o'clock scouts reported the negroes routed from all their position. A piece of artillery was out, but its big mouthed talk was not required to convince the negroes that it was a bad day to capture a city.

There were reports in the afternoon that the negroes, in retiring (to the country, were depreddating and burning houses, but nothing authentic could be heard.

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Financial, Commercial and River News.

COTTON STATEMENT.

On hand last report.....2191 bales
Received during week.....355 "

Total receipts.....2576 "

Arrivals of boats since our last, were the Flota, Garry Owen, and Royal George. Up freights 1 1/2 cent. Cotton \$2 50 per bale.

MARKET QUOTATIONS.

(It should be remembered our quotations are for round lots, at retail, higher prices will have to be paid.)

Corrected Weekly by Carver & Taylor.

Cotton.....11 @ 13c
Hides, dry.....12 @ 7c
Hides, green.....12 @ 6c
RACON.—The market is in limited supply. Clear sides are quoted at 15c; shoulders at 13c; breakfast bacon at 12c.

FLOUR.—In good supply with fair demand. We quote XX at 85 1/2; low XXX 7 1/2; and good XXX at 8 7/8; Choice XXX at 9 1/2; choice family 8 1/2.

PORK.—None in the market. Lard.—In fair supply, demand fair. Heavy and light at 19c per yard. No India in market. Lard.—In light supply with good demand. In tierces 2 1/2; in kegs 2 1/2.

HAMS.—Are in light supply and demand limited. Canned and salted at 20c.

SEED GRAIN.—None but rye in market which is quoted at 8 1/2 per bushel.

IRON.—The market is in good supply. The price is held at 10c and the button at 10c per pound.

MOLASSES.—Seares. Choice Louisiana is being sold at prime at 90c per gallon. By the keg 88 1/2 @ 9 1/2.

COAL OIL.—Is in good supply and is held at 50c per gallon.

TANNING.—Supply good. Good medium is held at 65c, and fine bright at 9c. 2 1/2 @ 25 per pound.

COFFEE.—The supply is limited and demand good. Prime at 25 and choice at 27c.

RYE.—No Carolina in market. Louisiana is held at 12c, per pound.

SOAP.—In good supply but no demand. Extra olive bar 10c.

SUGAR.—Louisiana prime is quoted at 15c; yellow clarified 12 1/2c; crushed and powdered 12 1/2c.

WHISKY.—White and Red are held at \$1 50 per gallon; Bourbon commands \$2 65 per gallon.

SHOT.—Is in good supply with fair demand and sold at 25 1/2 per sack and buck shot at 43.

POWDER.—The supply is limited and is held at 50c per pound.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Convention of the Land Owners of the Parish of Natchitoches.

ALL PERSONS owning lands in the Parish of Natchitoches and desirous of utilizing them in any way, either by sale, rent, or long lease, are requested to meet in the city of Natchitoches on Saturday, the 19th inst., at 12 o'clock m. A full attendance is most urgently asked of all those who take an interest in the above object.

Wm. Payne,
Michael Boyce,
A. L. Deblieux,
A. Leonate,
M. H. Carver,
C. L. Walmesley.

Natchitoches, Dec. 5, 1874.

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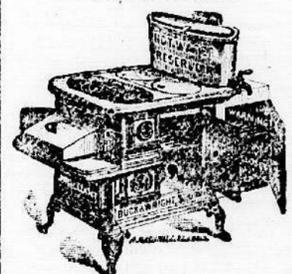
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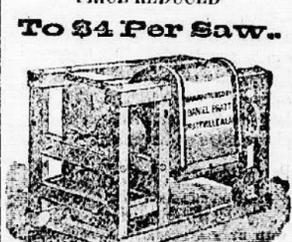
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