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NEW ORLEANS:
SATURDAY MORNING, APRIL 9, 1864

Sales at Auction To-day.

By E. M. Lataste, at the Merchants and Auction Exchange, at 10 o'clock, valuable lots; some plows and hair, one lot cigarsand.

By McCarren & Landry, at 11 o'clock, at the Mansion House, furniture. At the Merchants' Warehouse, at 12 o'clock, 32 bags coffee.

By Palmer & Amery, at Post 34, First District, five mules and cats.

By D. K. Murphy, on the Levee, head of St. Joseph street, corn. At 10 o'clock, at 47 Magazine street, tables, stoves, lamps, etc.

Messrs. Phinney & Amory sell this morning, at 11 o'clock, at Pier 34, First District, a quantity of hay and corn. See advertisement.

See advertisement of McCarren & Landry—the sale of cars at Merchants' Warehouse, at 10 o'clock, and at their auction mart furniture, &c., at 11 o'clock.

D. K. Murphy, Auctioneer, calls the attention of buyers to the various sales advertised by him for this day. See his auction advertisements.

The gentlemanly clerk of the steamer Hannibal, Mr. Geo. W. Boyd, has obliged us with acceptable intelligence.

A SANITARY BENEFIT AT THE VARIETIES.—It will be seen that the management of the Varieties Theatre have tendered a benefit to the U. S. Sanitary Commission, to take place on Monday evening. The public will assuredly second the generous offer and make it a substantial liberality.

The United States mail steamship George Washington, E. V. Gager, commanding, will leave her wharf this morning, at 8 o'clock, for New York direct, with a full cargo of cotton, the U. S. mails, and the following passengers:

Maj.-General N. P. Banks, Captain Dunn, Captain Hall, U. Captain Bigelow, A. C. Perry, F. Gallwey, Mrs. Houston, Miss Alexander, Mrs F. J. Woodly two children and servant, Mrs W. G. Bowdoin, Mrs Dr. Sanders, Mrs W. C. Flanders, S. U. Baker, Miss Lowenstein, Mrs E. Jones, Miss Jones, R. W. Stiles and negro, Mrs Atocha, R. B. Smith, Miss Bruton, Mrs. Mowry and daughter, A. S. Gould, Edwin Harris, W. P. Milton, T. Cooper, Mrs Pechecher, J. V. Durand, Mrs J. D. Wilson and two children, Mrs Trenor, Miss R. Chesney, Miss Cunningham, T. Donnelly, M. Rinaldo, Mrs. Rinaldo, F. Mannerfeld.

Constitutional Convention.

FRIDAY, April 8, 1864.

The Convention met pursuant to adjournment. E. H. Durell, President, in the chair and a quorum being present.

Prayer was offered by the Rev. Mr. Bass.

The journal of yesterday's proceedings were read and approved after some corrections.

Mr. Harman presented a resolution relative to an assault and to have been committed on two members of this body, by some unknown parties, which resolution was referred to a special committee.

Mr. —— Bannbach was elected Doorkeeper, Clark was elected Messenger.

Mr. Terry offered a resolution defining the *status* of delegates to this Convention, and requiring each member to furnish to the Secretary evidence that he is a loyal voter of this State and has taken the oath prescribed by the President in his amnesty proclamation of 8th December, 1863. The resolution was adopted—59 yeas, 11 nays.

The Convention then adjourned until to-morrow (to-day) at 12 o'clock.

Three Days Later via the River.

SERIOUS TROUBLES IN ILLINOIS

Bloody Fighting with the Copperheads

1500 ARMED INSURGENTS.

MOVEMENTS OF FORREST.

Important Expedition Southward from Fort Smith.

LATER FROM EUROPE.

Gold in New York 45 1-4.

By the steamer Hannibal, arrived yesterday from St Louis, we have papers from that city of the 31 March and 1st April, from which we take the following intelligence:

MOVEMENTS OF FORREST—HIS EXPEDITION SOUTHWARD FROM FORT SMITH.—SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF REBEL RAID.

Louisville, March 30.—The Courier says that the Louisville and Nashville railroad is destroyed between Elizabethtown and Nolin, Ky. [illegible] Nashville on Monday.

[illegible] Memphis [illegible] reports [illegible] force of [illegible] Forrest at Pocahontas, under Buckner.

He says the Rebels have collected five days' rations and forage, and think an extensive raid will be made into the heart of Kentucky. The rebel forces that evacuated Bell's Gap a few days since moved north, it is presumed either to join Longstreet in Virginia, or for other purposes with Buckner at Pound Gap.

Cairo, March 30.—By the steamer City of Alton, Clark Ryland, we have Memphis dates of the afternoon of the 26th.

All quiet along the river and in the vicinity of Memphis. Nothing in his way to the whereabouts of Gen. Grierson's command, as if I know it is remarkably well concealed.

Prisoners coming in the statement that the main portion of Forrest's forces has been ordered to Jackson, Tennessee. After the attack upon Paducah and consequent defeat, together with other circumstances, which [illegible] a desire to dispose of his wounded, compelled him to remain in the vicinity of Mayfield. Had he been successful at Paducah, he would then have attacked Columbus. He proposed to make headquarter to colored troops and their officers. The excitement has not yet perfectly abated at Paducah. Troops sent to Paducah yesterday came back. Colonel Hicks having plenty to meet, and reviving any force the rebels can at present bring against him.

WAR BETWEEN THE COPPERHEADS AND UNIONISTS IN ILLINOIS—A BLOODY COLLISION IN SEVERAL COUNTIES—1500 INSURGENTS UNDER ARMS.

Chicago, March 30.—A special dispatch to the *Tribune* from Mattoon, Illinois, last night, says 400 men of the Fifty fourth Illinois regiment have Charleston, with rifles to attack the rebels who are said to be 300 strong, under command of Sheriff John J. O'Hair, intrenched in Gaines's Mills, ten miles south of Mattoon. A portion of the Fifty-fourth is at Mattoon; that place being threatened from Shelby and Moultrie counties.

Two or more companies of the Invalid Corps en route for Springfield, have been stopped at Charleston for garrison duty. Pickets are on all the roads.

In the fight on Hickory Creek, four of the Fifty-fourth and one Union citizen were killed, and Colonel Mitchell, five privates and two Union citizens wounded. Two Copperheads were killed and several wounded.

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11 P. M.—The insurgents are said to be threatening both Charleston and Mattoon. A messenger last night discovered them fortified twelve miles from Charleston. Col. Tapp in command of the post has been authentic information that they are also in force at Osborne Mills, ten miles south, and at a place eight miles west of Madison.

Colonel Oats, Provost Marshal of the State, has arrived, and the Forty-first Illinois has been ordered here from Camp Tyler, and 500 men have been ordered from Indianapolis.

General Hurlbut himself is expected to night.

Sheriff O'Hair has been [illegible] to his tenderness by the Sheriff of Edgar county with a band of desperadoes.

A spy reports that by the insurgents, organized the I. M., sometimes that there is a large band at the two places above mentioned, but nothing definite give further information.

The telegraph wires continued south of here have been cut.

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11:30, P. M.—Scouts just returned, report a force of 1500 rebels three miles east of Mattoon.

Mattoon, Ill., March 31.—Nothing more seems to have resulted than usual, and the rebels are believed to have been dispersed.

The Forty-seventh Indiana has left. The forty-first Illinois remains until the return of Col. Oakes from Charleston.

Springfield, March 31.—A notorious character, named Peter Cherry, was shot dead at Jacksonville this morning by a Deputy Provost Marshal who had attempted to arrest him as a Deputy Provost Marshal in Missouri county last fall. Cherry attempted to draw a pistol on his captor, but the latter was too quick for him.

THE MOVEMENT OF FORREST FROM FORT SMITH.—SUCCESSFUL RESULTS OF REBEL RAIDS.

[Special Dispatch to the Missouri Democrat.]

Fort Smith, March 30.—The following statement as to the movement of some of the rebel cavalry here, having been made public, will not be considered embroidered: The 4th Missouri Iowa took up their line of march on the 22d, followed next day by the 12th Kansas. On the 24th the 1st Arkansas infantry and the 2d Kansas (colored) marched out. The 2d Kansas cavalry had already gone in advance. Other regiments in the district started some days since from here and will meet the main movement, making in all about 10,000 effective troops eager to meet the deadly foe and to restore peace to our distressed country.

The whole number of troops moving southward under the chief command of Major General Steele, marshal together here about 20,000 men, sufficient to wipe out and annihilate any rebel force that may be opposed to them. Our army will be backed with abundant and resolved ammunition by two members of reported and estranged loyal people.

A scout from Price's army arrived at headquarters to-day. He reports that Forrest, after *Devils Lake*, is in Centreville, 100 miles from here. The whole body of Cabell's command, numbering about 2000, are said to be [illegible] on the south side of Washington. The Missouri troops are at Spring Hill from where Price is moving them to Camden.

Helena has gone to Richmond, General Gano has seven or eight thousand Texans at Jacksonport. Marmaduke and Shelby are at Camden.

The rebels are reported as being well supplied with clothing, made principally at Mobile. They have just received an importation of shoes from England. An immense number of cotton bales have been concentrated at Camden and Washington, (quoted) in much of the Red river.

FROM KNOXVILLE.

Knoxville, March 28.—About sixty-three deserters have come in for them during the week making a total of over 1100 for the past three months. They state all Longstreet's wagons have been sent forwards Rheinwood, and [illegible] Whole force was under marching orders. They left on the 24th.

They had reported at Newport on the French Broad river, last night a party of about forty guerrillas captured a Mr. Fowler, of Blount county, and carried him off in the direction of Maysville. Colonel Walford left here on Saturday; he has been constantly dismissed the service.

FROM KNOXVILLE AND CHATTANOOGA.

Cincinnati, March 31.—The *Gazette's* Chattanooga dispatch says Generals Sherman, Granger, McPherson, Hamilton and Barry arrived at Chattanooga on the 29th, and were in council all day at General Thomas's headquarters.

All's quiet at Ringgold.

Generals Granger and Sheridan went to Knoxville on the 29th. The entire business portion of the town of New Liberty, Ky., including many private dwellings, was destroyed by fire. Eighteen families were rendered homeless. Loss about $150,000.

Nashville, March 31.—The rebels, after destroying the trestles at Bull's Gap, fell back beyond Greenville. They took up the wagon road railroad bridge across Lick Creek, and carried off a portion of the rails and telegraph wire. Deserters continue to come in, and report a large number trying to make their way into the Union lines.

Fulton Brownlow telegraphs from Knoxville that General Sherman left this morning for Chattanooga, after returning from the front.

All is quiet at Morgan's Creek.

Knoxville is so well fortified we can hold it against all Lee's army.

Longstreet's force is at Watauga, more than 100 miles east of here.

A force of cavalry remains at Bull Gap, to protect the retreat.

I am still of the opinion that the rebels are in testing forthwith to make a raid into Kentucky.

REBEL MOUNTED FORCES IN KENTUCKY.

Louisville, March 24.—Military authorities here say that of the rebels who crossed at Kingsville recently several have been captured. Some have given themselves up under the Amnesty Proclamation, and the remainder scattered.

There are no further apprehensions from Fortress Monroe.

Seven or three hundred mounted rebels have appeared in Kentucky this side of Pound Gap, who are supposed to be covering the retreat.

GENERAL GRANT IN WASHINGTON.

Washington, March 31.—General Grant arrived in town from the Army of the Potomac to-day, accompanied by several members of his staff.

Cairo, March 31.—The rebels were in force yesterday at Mayfield. They coolly issued passes to citizens to go through the Federal picket lines.

FROM FORTRESS MONROE.

Fortress Monroe, March 30.—The United States steamer Commodore Barney, with 86 picked men from the Minnesota, all in charge of Captain Williams, left here yesterday afternoon, and proceeded up Chuckatuck Creek and landed men in small boats at the head of the creek, where they took a guide to the headquarters of Lieutenant Ray, at which place they arrived at half o'clock this morning.

They immediately surrounded the houses and captured two sergeants and eighteen privates, with their small arms, without firing a shot. The capture is important, as the officers taken prisoners were in the rebel signal service, and of higher rank than appears above.

The schooner J. S. Ann, Capt. Overton, was lost at sea on the 23d.

Her crew were picked up by the schooner Maria Hopkins.

The rebel Captain Hatch, from Richmond, arrived here this morning on a flag of truce boat.

Later from Europe.

Halifax, March 30.—The Africa, from Liverpool 19th, and Queenstown 20th, has arrived with three days' later news.

Cotton firm and unchanged. Breadstuffs dull and prices weak. Provisions quiet and steady. Consols closed at 91¾ to 91¾ for money and account. Central shares 16 to 15 discount; Erie 66¾ to 67¾.

The Germans were vigorously prosecuting the siege of Duppel.

The English Parliament separated without expressing any opinion of the present state of affairs.

New York Markets.

New York, March 31, P. M.—Money very active. The gold market is dull and heavy at 1 per cent. Sterling firmer at 178 for first class bills. Gold firmer, opening at 44 and closing quiet and firm at 45¾.

Government stocks quiet and steady. 6's of 1881, coupons, 113. 7-30 coupons, 110.

Stocks dull.

Cotton less active, and scarcely so firm, at 75 to 76c. for middling uplands, and 73c. for low middling.

Flour dull, heavy and declining; 6@70 to 6 85 for extra State; $7 20 to 7 25 for round hoop Ohio, and market closing heavy.

Whisky scarcely so firm, sales 200 bbls at $1 04 to 1 05, one fly at inside price, bleeding heavy.

Petroleum steady; crude, 31¼ to 32½c, refined, in bond, 50 to 51c.

Pork more active and higher; $22 50 for mess; $22 60 for old mess; $23 81 to 24 for new, closing at the latter price; $18 25 to 20 25 for old and new prime, and $23 to 23 50 for prime mess, closing at the latter price.

Beef firm.

Lard dull and heavy at 13 to 13¾c; the latter an extreme price.

Western Markets.

St. Louis, March 31, P. M.—Flour—Market active and prices have advanced, closing with superfine at $5 25@5 40; extra $5 90@6 00; choice super at $6 00@6 30; XXX family $6 50@6 75; choice super at $6 00@6 30; XXX family $6 50@6 75; choice super at $6 00@6 30; XXX family $6 50@6 75