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THANKSGIVING.—The Governor has issued his proclamation appointing the 7th of December as a day of thanksgiving and praise for peace and other blessings, and recommends a general suspension of all ordinary business on that day, and the assembling of the people in their places of worship in proper observance of the occasion.

PORK, WHISKY, FLOUR, &c.—J. B. Vanhorn, Co.—72 Magazine, and 91 and 93 Poydras street, advertises for sale a large stock of mess and other pork, whisky, flour, tobacco, candles, coal oil, coffee, sugar, rice, soap, vinegar and salt.

Lessons from Jamaica.

Every phase of the Jamaica insurrection may be studied with profit in view of the light it is calculated to throw upon the character and tendencies of the negro race in general in certain conditions of existence. It is entirely reasonable to infer that in so far as in Louisiana or other Southern States the situation of the blacks is assimilated to what it is in Jamaica, we may expect them to develop like modes of life, and like tastes, desires and purposes. In point of possessing freedom, with the legal right and the economical necessity of depending upon their own voluntary labor, and upon the bounties of nature, and not upon the control and the providence of others, for subsistence, the position of the negroes in the Southern States is now identical with that of the same race in Jamaica. It is interesting and instructive, then, to consider what habits and dispositions the Jamaica negroes have acquired; and we find these expressed in very pronounced form in the recent savage and sanguinary outbreak in that island. All accounts of this event, of its antecedents and its incidents, concur in representing the free blacks as having fallen off from habits of regular industry and lapsed into general improvidence and destitution. One effect of this indolence, unthriftiness and improverishment was their inability to pay taxes on the lands which they occupied. There was a consequent recurrence, from year to year, for a period running back as far as 1834, of trouble with the authorities in reference to the collection of taxes.

Their nullity as a free rural population, and as proprietary inhabitants, may be imagined when it is known that, from the most productive of soils in their possession they failed to satisfy the very moderate tax which was levied upon it. How the difficulties arising from this source culminated at last in insurrection is related by a private correspondent in Jamaica of a Boston commercial house who furnished it to the Boston *Traveller*, in whose columns we find his account. He writes:

For a great many years the authorities have experienced considerable opposition in attempting to collect the taxes from the negroes, who are mostly squatters, holding from two to fifty acres of land, which, by ordinary industry, could be made valuable, and the natives secure a good living and have plenty to sell and obtain money to pay the taxes with. The objection to paying taxes dates back to 1834, and seems to increase with each year.

The tax collector of the St. Thomas in the East parish ascertained that there were a large number of people who owned back taxes for years, and he was directed to visit the parties and collect them. This part of the island is extremely mountainous, and when the collector went there a crowd immediately assembled and at once drove him away from that locality. He reported the result of his visit to the Revenue Department, and then received orders to take a force and make another attempt. Subsequently some of the negroes made an appeal to the Magistrates' Court, and appeared before Charles Anthony Price, the magistrate, and denounced the attempts to collect taxes from them.

The magistrate gave a positive decision against them. From the court they appealed to the Superior Magistrate's Court, which was presided over by Baron Von Kiteleholdt. This magistrate also gave a decision similar to that of Justice Price, and also administered a rebuke to them for their indolence, and stated that there was no reason why they should not cultivate the lands they held, and have money so that the taxes could be paid, and they could have more comfortable homes and have their condition generally bettered. The negroes smarted under his address, and some disturbance was occasioned in court.

Subsequently another demand was made on Justice Price for relief from the taxes. He adhered to his first decision. It was then that the courthouse was fired and its inmates were massacred while escaping from the flames. In the words of the correspondent above quoted:

The party were not able to make much resistance, and Baron Von Kiteleholdt, Justice Price and others were killed. Previous to killing the Baron the fiends subjected him to horrible tortures, cutting off his thumbs and stabbing him, and finally ripped open his bowels.

It has been ignorantly asserted by some Northern journals—by the New York *Tribune* among others—that the negro rising in Jamaica grew out of political grievances, that the black inhabitants of the island were somehow prevented from enjoying equal political rights with its white inhabitants. On the contrary, there has been no more political or legal distinction as to color in Jamaica than in England, where no such distinction was ever known.

In Jamaica negroes voted on a common footing with the whites, they sat in the provincial assembly, and could hold the various local offices on the same conditions with the rest of the population. Their example, in truth, from the fact that complete political equality failed to make them useful and law-abiding citizens, failed to ensure their peaceful coexistence in a state of freedom with the whites, failed to elevate them in the moral and social scale, tells signally against the argument of those who insist on political equality for the negroes in this country.

The Jamaica insurgents were not contending for political rights. They were not rebelling against extortionate taxation, for the taxes in Jamaica, according to the correspondent quoted by the Boston *Traveller*, were extremely moderate. "Mr. Isles" (the correspondent,) says the *Traveller*, "resided in Jamaica a number of years, and he states that the taxes are very small, some of the largest amounting to only two dollars and fifty cents, or three dollars in gold." They were simply quarreling with white civilization.

It happened that the annual taxes symbolized regular and productive labor, a standard of life higher than the bare satisfaction of the immediate wants of nature—in short, they symbolized the requirements of civilization. And this is why the negroes of Jamaica found them an unendurable burden. It was the white civilization pursuing them in this form that was so hateful and abhorrent to their nature on the descending road to African savagery. It is much to be feared that the negroes in the Southern States, left entirely free from the principle of force as a stimulant to industry, will turn into the same road, developing the same disinclination to work beyond the physical need of the moment, and the same unthrifty use of whatever lands may come into their occupation.

Letters Between President Johnson and Gov. Humphreys, of Miss. Regarding the Withdrawal of Troops, &c.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE, }
Jackson, Miss., Nov. 18, 1865. }

To his Excellency, the President of the United States—

A telegram from the President of the Mobile and Ohio Railroad says:

"Passenger train of cars attacked on the evening of the 14th, and possession taken by a garrison of colored troops at Lauderdale Springs.

"Ladies insulted—officers unable to control their men.

"The Legislature has memorialized for the removal of United States troops, and seem willing to extend to freedmen the right to testify in courts, if assured that troops would be with drawn. Members fear that one concession only leads to another. What assurance can I give on the subject.

(Signed) B. G. HUMPHREYS,
Governor of Mississippi.

Washington, Nov. 17, 1865—B. G. Humphreys: The troops will all be withdrawn from Mississippi, when, in the opinion of the Government, the peace and order of the civil authorities has been restored and can be maintained without them.

Every step will be taken while there is no force at all disciplian and subordination to the civil authorities. There can be no other or greater assurance than has been heretofore given on the part of the Government.

There is no concession required on the part of the people of Mississippi or the Legislature further than the loyal compliance with the laws and Constitution of the United States, and the adoption of such measures giving protection to all freedmen in their possession of property, without regard to color, which will entitle them to assume their constitutional rights in the Federal Union.

The people of Mississippi may feel assured that there is no disposition, arbitrarily on the part of the Government, to dictate what their action should be, but, on the contrary, to simply and kindly advise a policy that is beneficial, and will result in restoring all the relations which should exist between the States composing the Federal Union.

It is hoped that they will feel and appreciate the suggestions herein made; for they are done in that spirit which should pervade the bosom of all who wish peace and harmony through the restoration of the Union. There must be confidence between the Government and States which the Government confides to the people. The Government must have faith in the people, and the people faith in the Government. This must be mutual and reciprocal or all that has been done will be thrown away.

ANDREW JOHNSON,
President.

Prison Reflections of the Andersonville Janitor.

[Correspondence of the Chicago Tribune.]

Washington, November 12—I subjoin a *verbatim et literatim* copy of a diary kept by Henry Wirz in the early part of October. The copy was prepared from the original in the possession of Mr. Schade, the executed man's counsel. Comments upon the interesting documents are not necessary. It will be found to add to the intricacy of the enigma, in which the dead criminal appears, rather than to help in its solution.

Old Capitol Prison, Oct. 1, 1865.

Everything is quiet around me, the second beat the measured steps of the sentinel in the corridor can be heard: the man who is sitting in my room is nodding in his chair. Poor short-sighted mortals that we all are, this man is put in my room to watch me, to prevent any attempt I might possibly make to take my own life. My life, what is it worth to any one except myself and my poor family that they should be so anxious? I think I understand it very well. They are afraid I might cheat them, and the public at large, from having their revenge, and giving at the same time the masses the benefit of seeing a man hung. If that is all they are welcome. I have no desire to live, perhaps there was never a more willing victim dragged to the scaffold than I am, why should I desire to live? A beggar, crippled, with my health and spirit broken, why, oh, why should I desire to live? For the sake of my family. My family will do me well without me; instead of providing and taking care of them, I would be a burden to them—And still, knowing all that, why do I not put an end to my life? Because, in the first instance, what I suffer now is the will of God—God, how much is put in this word! What towers of strength, of consolation! Yes, heavenly father, if it was not thy will, I would not be a prisoner, I would not be locked at, spoken of as a murderer as the world has never seen and never will see. If that what I suffer now was not put on me by you for some wise purpose, I would be as free as the bird of the air.

Then and I, we two alone, know that I am innocent of these terrible charges. Thou and I, we both know, that I never took the life of a fellow-man—that I never caused a man to suffer and die in consequence of ill treatment inflicted by me—and still I am tried for murder, men have sworn that they saw me do it. They have called on Thee to witness that they would tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth; and still they told a lie—as black as hell itself. Why didst Thou not send a thunderbolt from the high heavens?—why, oh God, why? Because it is Thy holy will; and in humility I kiss the rod with which Thou seest proper to chastise me.

The second reason why I do not destroy a life which is a burden to me, is because I owe it to myself, my family, my relations, even the world at large, to prove them never existed a man so utterly devoid of all humanity, such a fiend incarnate, as it has been attempted to prove me to be. I see very well that I have no earthly show—that I am enabled to say with holy Stephanus, Lord, lay not this sin to their charge. They judge from what they hear, and I must abide by it.

It makes me feel very sorry, and at the same time I could almost smile when I see men men like Colonel Persons and Captain Wright give their testimony. How careful they first weigh every word. How afraid they are to say something which might perhaps implicate themselves. I pity them. A day will come when they will feel sorry that they took not a more manly stand than they did. Perhaps one of the hardest things I have to bear is, when I hear such men as I now, and recollect what they have said and how they acted a year ago. Then they did not say that they did not wish to associate with me. Oh, no; then they would visit my house and invite me to theirs. But enough; I despise and have always despised a coward.

My wife has tried again to see me to-day, but could not, because General Baker, who by order of the Secretary of War had to be present at the interview, is still sick. I think it is pretty hard; because a man is sick I have been deprived now for two weeks of almost my only joy, to see my poor wife. It looks to me that among the hundreds of officials at Washington, one could be entrusted with the fearful responsibility to let a sick prisoner see his wife and talk with her for thirty minutes about their dear children and their domestic affairs. But why should I grumble, or have any bitterness in my heart? I think I ought to be proud that a Government like the Government of the United States considers me of such importance as to take such extraordinary measures.

For four weeks have I talked in vain to have the permission to see a minister of the Gospel to get such consolation as I thought I needed. Part of that time I was at death's door, and finally, on yesterday, I was allowed to see Rev. Father Boyle, but during the whole time, except while at confession, the officer was present. I think it is highalmse to blot out the name in the American constitution and substitute a bastard. I have heard, when I was a boy, that the eagle was the king of birds. If so be, how is it that he stoops so low to war with his talons on the weak opponent, and to shield to gratify such as I call name. Poor eagle, I say like; thy are all alone like those of a tyrant.

BY TELEGRAPH

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

WASHINGTON NEWS.

NEW YORK AND WESTERN MARKETS.

VARIOUS ITEMS.

Steamboat News.

Vicksburg, Nov. 21—The W. B. Arthur passed down at 8 A. M., the Eleonora Correl at 1 A. M., the W. S. Mepham at 9 A. M., the Sam Galey at 1 P. M. and the Platte Valley at 5 P. M.

The Continental passed up at 5 P. M.

The river is at a stand.

Vicksburg, Nov 22—The Niagara passed up at 3 P. M. and the Platte City at 4 P. M.

No steamers passed down to day.

The river is rising.

MARINE NEWS.

Southwest Pass, Nov. 22—The British ship Margaret Evans is inside awaiting steam.

Arrived to-day: The Mexican brig Hercules from Vera Cruz, in ballast, with 8 passengers, and the Mexican schooner Camilla, from Vera Cruz, in ballast, with 14 passengers.

The steamship Matanzas is outside the bar at anchor, awaiting high water to cross.

The steamship Morning Star is still aground on the bar with the towboats Wabash and Belize pulling at her.

There is nothing else in sight

The ship Javenta went to sea this morning.

Wind southwest.

FROM NEW YORK.

New York, November 22.—The steamers Nebraska and Champion have both arrived at this port from New Orleans.

Washington, November 22.—Wm. Robes, Claim Agent, G. Drayes, clerk in the Third Auditor's office, and Harmon Gassaw, who combined to defraud the Government in the case of deceased and discharged soldiers, were committed for trial, in default of thirty-five thousand dollars bail. The parties have confessed their guilt.

New York, November 22.—Cotton closed steady at 53c for Middling. Wheat advanced 10c. Whisky lower, closed at $2 36 to $2 40. Wheat, sales in favor of buyers. Corn 97c, Oats 53c. Sugar 14 1/2c. Pork is decidedly lower. Mess $32. Sterling Exchange 109 1/2. Gold 146¾. Government stocks are a shade lower.

New York, Nov. 22.—The *Post's* Washington special says Henry W. Hilliard, of Alabama, will support the President's reconstruction policy.

General Sickles is assigned to the Department of South Carolina vice Gen. Gillmore, who has been ordered to report in person to the Chief of Engineers.

Chicago, Nov. 22—Flour dull; Wheat dull at $1 37; Oats firm at 28; Provisions dull.

Boston, Nov. 21—The Tuscian Embassy sailed per Steamer Cuba to-day, homeward bound.

Richmond, Nov. 22—The *Whig* states that Gen. Lee will write a history of his Virginia campaign.

Frankfort, Ky., Nov. 22—The Executive office, the office of the Secretary of State and the office of the Clerk of the Court of Appeals were completely destroyed by fire this morning. The records and papers of the Court of Appeals were almost wholly destroyed.

[Associated Press Dispatches.]

The Alabama Legislature.

Mobile, Nov. 21—The Advertiser's special, dated Montgomery, the 20th, says: The Alabama Legislature met to-day at 12 M. There was a quorum in both houses present. The two houses organized by the election of Walter H. Crenshaw, President of the Senate, and Marshall Lane, Secretary of the same, and Thomas J. Cooper, Speaker of the House, and Wm. H. Fowler, Clerk of the same.

The Governor's message will be read on Wednesday.

BILL FOR FREEDMEN'S TESTIMONY PASSED THE MISSISSIPPI HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 21—A bill conferring certain civil rights upon freedmen passed the House of Representatives to-day with a substitute for the fourth section. Freedmen are allowed to testify and bring witnesses when a party to the record, but not in cases exclusively between white men. The vote stood 55 to 30.

WASHINGTON AND NEW YORK NEWS AND GOSSIP.

New York, Nov 21—It is reported General Carnihl, Colonel Armitage, and Robert Dachue, were sent to New York, purchasing arms and ammunition for the Mexican Liberal army; that fifteen hundred uniforms are to be manufactured during the present month, and also that orders for rifles and ammunition have been sent to the New England States to immediately filled.

General Magruder has taken the oath of allegiance to the Mexican Imperial Government.

The *World* says it is quite certain General Brague will decline the mission to Mexico.

Dr. Graves, from Worcester, Massachusetts, arrived this morning, and reports that Mr. Davis is in fair health and serene mind. Nothing is known respecting his trial. The Chief Justice's interview with the President yesterday related almost wholly to it.

It is supposed the object of the concentration of a military force in the vicinity of San Antonio is for the purpose of looking after the French troops.

The efforts to secure the parole of Hon. Clement C. Clay are unsuccessful. Stress is laid to the fact that Mr. Clay voluntarily surrendered himself on hearing that he was charged with complicity in the assassination of the President.

New York, Nov. 22—Fernando Wood was nominated last night for Mayor, on Mozart Hall but declined. John Hecker was then nominated.

John T. Hoffman is the candidate of the Tammany.

The Democratic meeting at the Brooklyn Academy of Music last night, in aid of the Southern people, was well attended, and addressed by Gov. Fiske, Henry Ward Beecher and Ex-Governor Seward.

Washington, Nov. 21—The Secretary of the Treasury says the officer who makes a semi-annual return and payment of duties for National banking associations must conform their return to the circumstances into without an alteration of the printed form.

New York, Nov. 22—The *Herald's* Washington dispatch says it is understood General Howard will demonstrate in his report the necessity of continuing the Freedmen's Bureau until provisions are no longer needed by the whites and blacks.

ANGLO-AMERICAN COTTON GROWING COMPANY.

Americans and English talk of organizing a national cotton-growing company, South.

The English attempt to produce cotton in India, proves disencouraging.

TOM SAYERS DEAD.

Tom Sayers, the noted English pugilist, is dead.

FOREIGN.

New York, Nov. 21—The steamer Chian, at Halifax, reports the arrival at Liverpool, of the ship Emerald, from New Orleans.

It was reported Hilary Gibson has been offered the post of First Lord Admiral, and that the Duke of Somerset would be Secretary of War.

How Freedmen Live Where Mosquitoes Is Scarce.

The following facts stated in a recent number of the Shreveport *News*, and others to a like effect elsewhere, may go to indicate some of the causes of the extraordinary mortality among the blacks since the era of their freedom:

We have read a vast increase of population that great numbers of them are compelled to put up with very scant accommodations.

We happen to know the dimensions of a house occupied by colored people, and have a pretty correct idea of the number living in it. It has two rooms eighteen feet square, and two shed rooms eighteen by ten. It has a gallery in front forty-six feet long and an open hall ten by twenty-eight feet.

In each room here is from five to ten families—from fifteen to thirty persons—and in the gallery and hall little hoodoo are fixed up for families. Beans cook in the fire-places in the house, but the most of them have fires out of doors where they do their cooking and washing. Altogether there is from eighty to one hundred persons residing in this house, which was formerly occupied as too small for one moderate sized white family.

Great numbers of the negroes around town live in little open shanties with no floor but the earth, and no place to make a fire inside the room. Many sick already from exposure and many more will inevitably get sick during the winter. Many of them are unable to get into decent quarters.

The President and Chief Justice Chase in Relation to the Trial of Mr. Davis.

A Washington correspondent gives the following from the Washington *Republican* as an account imparted by official authority:

For months President Johnson has expressed the greatest anxiety to bring to a legal issue the question whether treason is a crime and whether it can be punished as such. He has not only consulted his constitutional advisers, his Cabinet, and the proper law officers of the Government on the subject, but he has also invited to his council some of the most eminent constitutional and criminal lawyers in the land. Among those may be properly mentioned the name of Chief Justice Chase, who came here from Ohio some time in August last, at the special invitation of the President, to consult on the general subject of trials for treason. Subsequently, about the 1st of October last, President Johnson addressed a letter to Chief Justice Chase, informing him that it might be necessary for the government to prosecute some high officers and leading members concerned against the United States within the District of Virginia. Chief Justice Chase's private and inquiring whether the Circuit Court of the United States for that district is or is not organized and in condition to execute its functions, that the Chief Justice, or either of the Associate Justices of the Supreme Court, would hold a term of the Circuit Court there during the existence of any criminal case of the kind referred to.

About the middle of October, Chief Justice Chase replied to the President's letter. He positively stated that his Circuit Court for the District of Virginia, either to be presided over by himself or one of his associates, would not hold a term "during the autumn or early winter." He stated that the regular term ended and by Congress would commence this year on the 27th of November, the present month, only one week before the annual term of the Supreme Court when all the Judges are required to be present, allowing but one week for the Circuit Court to sit, which, in the opinion of the Chief Justice, would be too short a term for the transaction of a case of any very important business. But the Chief Justice adds that, were the facts otherwise, he could not devote the property of both the Circuit Court and the United States in which he has been designated by the executive and legislative departments of the National Government to be in rebellion, and, therefore, subjected to martial law, before the complete restoration of their lawful relations with the nation, and the supremacy of the military by the civil administrations; that he would be unwilling to hold such Courts in such States, within his circuit, which *ipso facto* declared the States shall have had the opportunity to consider and act on the whole subject." The Chief-Justice expressed to the President the opinion that a civil court in a district under martial law can only act by the sufferance of the commander of the military power, and he positively asserts that he could not think that it becomes the Justices of the Supreme Court to exercise jurisdiction under such conditions.

Lade of the Ship Harry of the West.

The Mobile *Register* of the 21st says:

The steamship Mercedita, Capt. Williams, arrived in Mobile bay yesterday, has on board Capt. Horatio Atwood and part of the crew of the ship Harry of the West, bound from New Orleans to Liverpool, which vessel was burned at sea on the 12th instant, 100 miles from South West Pass, with a cargo of 3343 bales of cotton. The English vessel was the ship Sea Gem, known. Balance of crew taken off by British ship Ella, bound to Liverpool. The Captain and mate, brought by the Mercedita, were first taken off by the bark Amate E. Small, and afterwards transferred to the steamer Cuba.

The Harry of the West, with a cargo of 3343 bales of cotton and 131 tierces of oil aide, was cleared at this port on the 9th inst., for Liverpool, by G. W. Hyams & Co.

Secretary Seward on Jefferson Davis' Trial.

(From a New York letter, Oct. 16th, to the Mason (Ga.) Telegraph.)

Since I have introduced Mr. Seward's name, I will refer to a conversation he had a few days ago with Thurlow Weed—Jefferson Davis being the subject. Weed said Mr. Davis should be hanged. Seward expressed himself quite warmly on the subject. Mr. Seward then propounded the query, "Why should you hang him?" to which Weed replied, "I would hang him for treason." Mr. Seward responded, in his energetic way, "I would not hang him unless first convicting him, and I think no impartial jury would do that." Weed said, "His guilt is already established, and his conviction should not be difficult." Mr. Seward maintained that no jury could be formed to convict him, and added, in a significant way, "And even if we should hang him it would be no great moral lesson to the world." Gentlemen, who were present during the conversation, infer from it that Mr. Davis's life is safe at least.

(From the Scientific American.)

The Way Dry Goods are Sold in New York.

Between the manufacturer and consumer, dry goods pass through the hands of three classes of traders—commission merchants, jobbers, and retailers. Commission merchants sell by the case or bale, jobbers by the piece, and retailers in any quantities desired by the consumer.

COMMISSION MERCHANTS.

The commission merchant receives his goods on consignment from the manufacturer. Each consignment is usually accompanied by a letter containing the shipment, and containing an invoice or list of the bales or cases, with the number of yards in each, and a description of the goods, whether bleached or unbleached, colored, whether checkerings, shirtings, sheetings, drills, ginghams, &c., their width and other particulars. The terms on which the consignment is made, are stated in the heading of the invoices, and this is, therefore, an important business document. The following is the usual form:—

Invoice of 3 cases 9-4 bleached shirtings, consigned to Messrs. Bradley & Howe, for sale and guaranty on commission.

[1]	No. 351	716 yds.
	352	713
	353	722
		2 151 @ 30c., $645 30.

A. & W. SPRAGUE.

Providence, Oct. 28, 1865.

Some manufacturers give instructions positively limiting the price at which the goods shall be sold, while others leave the sale entirely to the judgment of the commission merchant. If the commission merchant makes advances on the goods, he then becomes the principal party in interest, and the disposal of the merchandise is intrusted to his discretion. A few wealthy manufacturers have abundant capital for their business, and never ask any money on their goods until they are sold; but the great mass of mill owners are short of funds, and make a practice of drawing on account from their commission merchant as soon as the goods are most to market. These advances are made in the form of acceptances, and in the old credit days acceptances were generally drawn at six months after date, as in this form:—

Providence, Oct. 28, 1865.

Six months after date, for value received, pay to our own order three thousand dollars, and charge to account of Yours respectfully,
A. & W. SPRAGUE.

Messrs. Bradley & Howe, New York.

This is a draft of A. & W. Sprague, and when Bradley & Howe have written the name of their firm on its face, it becomes their acceptance. If the drawers dispose of it to third parties, they are held for its payment in case it should not be paid by the acceptors. The usual charge made by commission merchants to manufacturers for selling goods, is 2½ per cent., and, if they guarantee the payments, 5% per cent. more. On the receipt of the goods, the cases are compared with the invoice, one case is opened to display the goods in the store, and the others are sent from the basement or into the loft for storage. When a jobber comes in, he buys such number of cases or bales as he wants, which are sent to his store with a bill. The jobber's clerks open the cases and take an account of the goods received on each piece to see if the bill passes the quantity of merchandise correctly, generally measuring two or three of the pieces to make sure that the manufacturer gives just measure. Before the war, goods were sold by commission merchants at eight months' credit. After the goods were examined, the jobber would send the note to the commission merchant, payable eight months after date. At the end of every six months, the commission merchant would cut an account of the sales, with a calculation of the average time of payment, the manufacturer would draw on him for the amount payable at that time, and he would accept it. Now the credit given to the jobber is only thirty days, no note is usually given, but at the end of the thirty days payment is made by a check on a bank. The manufacturer receiving payment in full for his goods in thirty days, has much more of advantage than formerly, and the cash system is full of advantages to all parties.

JOBBERS.

The jobber sells to retailers, of course, mainly in the country, generally by the piece, though he cuts from the bale or case. Formerly the usual credit given by jobbers was ten months, ranging, however, from six to twelve. During the war jobbers' sales have been generally for cash, but the credit system is now being rapidly revived, and numerous quantities of goods are being sold to retail dealers, living in all parts of the country, from Maine to Texas, on a credit of four and six months. If this system becomes general before the currency is restored, we shall have a terrible crash when specie payments are resumed, but if the system is made wide the cash system prevails, it will be the cause of few if any bankruptcies.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

First District Court.—In this Court yesterday, Judge Abel presiding, Frank Mahoney and was tried for stealing a horse from Thomas Leary, in August last and found guilty.

John Kennedy, charged by assaulting James Lawson with a knife with intent to kill, was acquitted.

Willis Jackson, negro, tried for assault and battery on Frank Lewis, was found guilty.

The District Attorney entered nolle prosequi in the following cases, and the parties were discharged from custody:

Irvin Fenwick, charged with assault and battery on Peter Gallagher.

Hugh Quigg, charged with assault and battery on Daniel Kelley.

Richard Lamb, charged with assault and battery on John Livesay.

The Poisoning of Fanny Orrock.—The examination of Patrick Brown, charged with poisoning Fanny Orrock, was resumed before Recorder Campbell last evening. The testimony adduced tended very strongly upon the poisoning, but none has been adduced on that point, that a child of Mrs. Gordon, a boy, left in the house of the deceased, who ate some of the ice cream brought by the prisoner to the deceased, was as well as deceased sick that night, vomiting and purging. The witness last night was strongly cognizative of fraud in the furniture transaction. The Recorder declined hearing any evidence for the defence, and sent the case before the District Court for trial. The charge against Mrs. Theard was for breach of the peace, and she was held in bail for her daughter, Miss Blanchard, of forgery and perjury, in connection with the furniture transfer, are fixed for this evening. The Recorder announced his purpose last evening of sending those cases also before a jury, without investigation, as he considered the evidence already before him in the Brown case sufficient.

Mr. James Robb.—A private letter received in the city lately states that Mr. James Robb, so long established as a banker here years ago, in Galena about to take up his residence in New Orleans and will be President of a National Bank, with a million of dollars capital, which, it is added, is about to be started here.

Fire.—The alarm of fire between 5 and 6 o'clock last evening was caused by the burning of some apparel in Conway's Press on Chartres street. Fortunately Mr. Conway was present and extinguished the flames before injury of consequence resulted. Some two or three bales were more or less damaged. The fire is supposed to have been accidentally set by some one smoking.

Missing.—The following notice of a mysterious disappearance was placed on the police books yesterday: Jason A. Sallerson left the house of W. F. Calder, on Crepe street, Third District, at half past one o'clock, on Thursday, November 16th, and has not been heard of since. He is about five feet six inches in height, and heavy moustache, eyes deep set and hazel, fair complexion and sandy hair, dresses neatly. Had on a brown wool hat, gold watch and chain, brown overcoat and boots and light vest and cane missing.

Grand Jury.—The Grand Jury for the parish yesterday returned to the First District Court, the indictment against Mrs. Catherine Mahoney for the murder of her husband, John Mahoney, by August last, a true bill.

The bill against Richard Palmer and Edward Gaston for the murder of John Trempers, a negro, in July last, was ignored, and the prisoners discharged from custody.

Recorder Campbell's Court.—In this Court, yesterday, Fred Wetzel, alias Wm. H. Smith, was sent before the First District Court to be tried for stealing a lot of wearing apparel from Mrs. Durrenel, the accused having pleaded guilty.

Lizzie Hamilton, charged with stealing $100 from B. W. Bennett, was discharged, the evidence not connecting her with the commission.

A number of public boozers up for a fine, liquor by the glass, between Bourbon for this, although having license to sell by the quart were fined $10 each.

Recorder Gantier's Court.—Robert Lenhart, accused of breaking open the armoire of Mrs. Mary Carey, residing on the corner of Villere and Bienville streets, and stealing $40 in a diamond pin, valued at $150, was examined yesterday, and the prosecution was dismissed.

Prospect of Unconditional Pardon for Davis.

"Druid" in a recent letter from Washington to the New York *Times* says:

It is true that there was some time ago a denunciation on the part of the Government, in general terms, of Jefferson Davis' trial for treason in the civil courts. This was the position of affairs at the time when the South Carolina delegation applied for his pardon. They were accordingly informed, by the President, that the Government was not averse to the blood of Mr. Davis, that even if he should be convicted of treason, he would be pardoned; and that the President's only anxiety in regard to the case was, how it determination by the highest judicial tribunal, whether treason had been committed or not. As that very time, that position of affairs is changed. The Government is not now averse to the most solemn and formal investigation of the charges against Mr. Davis, and I communicated the substance of it to the *News*, last Friday night, by telegraph. The projection whilst governing the case are considered in a similar light. The Government is averse to any appeal at the deliberations of those members of the Cabinet who would have gladly given the conviction of Mr. Davis for treason. They are now willing even to have him tried, if so long as they supposed that he would certainly be convicted. But now that it is known that no such conviction can be obtained, they are averse to pursuing what course to take. It is said that the Davies Senators fell out at a recent open air meeting on the subject, but there will never be any tribunal of that description, so long as Andrew Johnson is President.

It is a mistake to suppose that any conference will be attended by the pardon of Jefferson Davis. He will not be banished, or required to expatriate himself. His pardon will be unconditional, as it necessarily must, if put upon trial, would be full and honorable.

Alex. H. Stephens Declines Being a Candidate for Governor of Georgia.

[From the Augusta (Ga.) Constitutionalist, Nov. 5.

The following letter from Hon. A. H. Stephens, in which he positively declines being a candidate for Governor, speaks for itself:

CRAWFORDVILLE, Ga., Nov. 4, 1865.

MESSRS. STEVENS & CO.:

Gents: I see in your paper of to-day a reference to a late article in the Macon *Telegraph*, suggesting a preference on my part to Governor Brown for Governor. I never authorized this to request you to state that I don't wish my name used in connection with that office in any way. I have no wishes on the subject of that nature and to impose who may be supposed themselves in favor of my being a candidate for Governor. I wish it generally and immediately known that I positively decline to allow the use of my name in that connection, and trust that no one under the circumstances will do anything to place me disregard my wishes in this particular.

Yours, truly, ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS.

A Case of Real Magnanimity.—General Gillmore.

United States Army, lately interested himself in securing the "pardon" of General Elliot, who defended Fort Sumter against Gen. Gillmore's siege. General Gillmore asked the President to grant the application "as a special favor to himself." Gen. Elliot was occupying Jefferson Davis's late house, Fort Royal, and was supposing his family by Mr. Davis's agent would secure him the immediate possession of his house, close to which his fisherman's hut was to stands. Gen. Elliot's going into the fishing business as a hobby, but his master insolence of the universal rejoicings and clamor with which the ex Confederates have gone to work to do their whole duty as private citizens. We had heard before of Confederate Generals going to ploughing, planting, hoeing, driving drays, &c., &c., but the first instance we have had them descending to the still humbler occupation of a fisherman, that we have heard of. Gen. Elliot, however, may congratulate himself that he is top lofty to be reached by the feuds of hate, outlandishness and disruption of Our Saviour.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

BEE OFFICE,
WEDNESDAY EVENING, Nov. 22, 1865.

We have no material change to notice in the general market and no leading staple has undergone in modified demand unless as noticed which features will not appear; hence operations pending the coming exchange movements from New York and Liverpool, the day's sales have been confined to about 750 bales 1500 of which were taken by one house here, and the remainder by a narrow scale for Exchange, and similar to yesterday's quotations. There is no improvement.

The Gold market opened first at 146 and evening's quotations, where generally nothing left, but some are willing to take more at the rate. At a later hour prices were decidedly weaker and sales were made at 145¾, but at the close they were quoted at 145¾ against 146¾ to 146 last evening. The sales and receipts to-day $30,000 at 145¾ @ 146¾, and $27,000 in sight at 146¾; $2000, $5000, and $27,000 in sight at 146¾; $2000 at 146¾, $5000 at 146¾, another lot of $5000 at 146¾, $5000, $7000, and $10 000 at 146.

Gold opened at 146¾, and closed at 146.

Sterling Exchange 109 1/2 @ 109 3/4.

Paris 5.16 @ 5.15.

Hamburg 36 @ 36½.

Amsterdam 40 @ 40½.

Bremen 79½ @ 79¾.

Frankfort 79½ @ 79¾.

Berlin 72 @ 72½.

Leipsic 72 @ 72½.

Augsburg 72 @ 72½.

Vienna 35 @ 35½.

Trieste 35 @ 35½.

Prague 35 @ 35½.

Antwerp 5.16 @ 5.15.

Ghent 5.16 @ 5.15.

Milan 5.16 @ 5.15.

Genoa 5.16 @ 5.15.

Leghorn 5.16 @ 5.15.

Rome 5.16 @ 5.15.

Naples 5.16 @ 5.15.

Madrid 5.16 @ 5.15.

Cadiz 5.16 @ 5.15.

Barcelona 5.16 @ 5.15.

Seville 5.16 @ 5.15.

Malaga 5.16 @ 5.15.

Lisbon 5.16 @ 5.15.

Oporto 5.16 @ 5.15.

Rio Janeiro 5.16 @ 5.15.

Valparaiso 5.16 @ 5.15.

Havana 5.16 @ 5.15.

Matanzas 5.16 @ 5.15.

Cienfuegos 5.16 @ 5.15.

Sagua 5.16 @ 5.15.

Gibraltar 5.16 @ 5.15.

Malta 5.16 @ 5.15.

Alexandria 5.16 @ 5.15.

Constantinople 5.16 @ 5.15.

Smyrna 5.16 @ 5