The New Orleans Bee.

OFFICE 73 CHARTRES STREET. NEW ORLEANS, SUNDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 1, 1867. Vol. XXVII—New Series. Vol. XVII—Whole—14,302

GEN. HANCOCK'S ORDER—HIS PROBABLE LINE OF ACTION.

The conservative people of New Orleans are highly satisfied with the announcement of Gen. Hancock's views as to the administration of affairs in this District. Outside of the Radical faction it meets with universal commendation. The members of that faction and its organs, white and colored, are somewhat astounded to hear constitutional law advocated by a General of the United States army, charged with the execution of the Reconstruction laws in the Fifth Military District. They cannot understand why it is that an officer, who fought so well in the Federal army during the war, should not continue to fight even after the foe has been disarmed and is at his feet. They have taken or attempted to take Gen. Hancock under their tutelage, and bid him beware of any social courtesies which our people may offer to him. We dare say he will be greatly obliged by the advice thus volunteered. These people are evidently quaking in their boots in apprehension of the terrible disclosure of corruption and fraud about to be made, and of which they have been guilty. If they think to influence Gen. Hancock by such impertinent insinuations as they have uttered against this community, they have mistaken the man. It is because they know he will not tolerate the fraudulent and wicked practices which have characterised their conduct, that they impudently undertake to warn him against the seductive social influences they think will be brought to bear upon him, as if he were as ignorant as themselves of the usages of polite society.

The people of New Orleans are naturally solicitous as to the administrative action in the civil affairs of the city and State of General Hancock. Beyond the declaration of principles, by which he is to be guided, laid down in his Special Order No. 40, published in the city newspapers of yesterday, so far nothing is known to the general public of his intentions touching the various important subjects to which his notice has been called. Regarding the removal of the State and parish officers made by Gen. Mower, which were afterwards suspended by him, we understand they will not probably be carried into effect but that the suspensive order will remain in force. From various sources at Washington City and elsewhere it has been ascertained that the President has instructed Gen. Grant to direct Gen. Hancock to cause an investigation to be made into the reasons that induced Gen. Mower to remove Sheriff Hays and the Clerk of the Second District Court of this parish, and others, and the action thereupon is had if these removals were made on merely partisan grounds, Sheriff Hays and Mr. O'Rorke will be reinstated. Those officers were elected by the duly qualified voters of the parish, whose wishes have been disregarded by their dismissal from office without legal cause. In pursuance of the policy laid down by General Hancock, touching the supremacy of the civil laws of the State, unless misconduct on their part be proved, they must be restored to the exercise of their functions. Of course there are sceptics who say the utterances of General Hancock are vague and unmeaning, and that he will follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. With such persons "the wish is probably father to the thought." We have no high an opinion of the character of the man, to believe that he would lead our people to indulge in hopes he intended to disappoint. There is nothing in Gen. Hancock's record which should lead any one to doubt the sincerity of his words. He knows the force and meaning of the language he has employed, and until the contrary shall have been proven we shall repose implicit confidence in the gentlemenese of his professional honor, and in the manliness of his character to resist, and time will be needed to effect all the improvement in our affairs which is imperatively demanded. Investigation into these subjects must be prosecuted methodically and cannot be completed in a day. We only fear that the mountains of fraud and corruption to be developed, will excite a spasm of those inquiries are to be made, that the Gen. Old placed Col. McCardle under arrest, and that he decided that not to be constitutional. He also declared that the powers vested in the law itself were not transcended by the District Commander. It was therefore decided that the prisoner was entitled to counsel, and to a trial before a military commission, and he was remanded to the custody of the military authorities, to answer the charge of the false oath of allegiance.

Question—Do you recollect P. D. Roddy, said to be a rebel Brigadier General?

Answer—Yes, sir. I do not recollect what my indorsement was in Roddy's case, but I know that if I had it to do over again I would recommend the pardon very quickly, and I presume I did so. He is a man I considered I would be very glad to sign a recommendation for him now.

By Mr. Marshall—Question—I understood you to say that you were very anxious, at the close of the war, that civil governments should be established in some form, and you so advised the President?

Answer—I so stated frequently in his presence, but I advised no particular form of proceeding.

Question—Were you present when this South Carolina proclamation was read in the cabinet?

Answer—I would not be certain, but am of the opinion that the first time I heard it read was in the presence of the President and Secretary of War.

Question—Did you assent to the plan?

Answer—I did not dissent from it. It was a civil matter, and although I was anxious something should be done, I did not intend to express an opinion about it at the time. I looked upon it as simply a temporary measure until Congress could confer upon the whole question, and that it did not make much difference how it was done, so that there was a form of government. I think I was present at the time by invitation of either Mr. Seward or Secretary of war. I supposed I was free to express my views. I suppose the object was that I should express my views to the President and not to change. I do not think I was asked my views. I know that, if I had been asked the question, I would have answered that I had not anything about it that would have given stable government there. In reference to the opinion I gave the President on the amnesty Proclamation, I think I testified before the Judiciary Committee in behalf of and at the request of Mr. Stanbery. I remember it was in connection with him, and I only do what I am paid for. I am no Radical in my own country, and don't care for my opinion about it, except for money.

There was such a mixture of drollery and impudence in this declaration that one could hardly forbear enjoying it, and relaxing from our first determination, we accepted his offer to discuss the question from a "common point of view," when he launched out into the most amusing, though vulgar, tirade against Greeley's school of politics, and against American men in general, all the time boasting of his nativity, and insisting that he never had, nor would, renounce it.

Mr. Shelly gave by way of assurance that he intended quitting the Bohemian life as soon as he could find something more decent—more decent, probably by arriving at the level of the whole course of the Radicals, and at American politics generally.

Aside of this, we found him a pretty boon companion, but were not much surprised to find that, with such loose principles, he should again be found on the wrong side of the ditch.

His career in New Orleans was noted by low associations, drunkenness and the most infamous slanders on the people of this noble and suffering city, where, in spite of all his efforts, he never was recognized by the press or by any gentleman, in public or private life.

Napoleon and Victoria.

EFFECT OF LORD LYONS' PRESENTATION TO THE EMPEROR.

[Paris (Nov. 13) Correspondence of the London Times.]

The words spoken by Lord Lyons on presenting his credentials to the Emperor, and his Majesty's reply thereto, are generally considered as faithfully characterizing the relations subsisting between the two governments and the two nations, and have given much satisfaction. The assurance that the instructions of the Queen had been that nothing should be spared to maintain and strengthen their relations, "we receive," observes *La France*, "with joy and hope. This organ of the Senate, or, at least, of the majority of that body, and edited by a Senator, repeats that the union of these two nations is, in its judgment, in all ways good, and is still, a certain pledge that their international questions will be resolved in the liberal spirit of modern civilization; but that if the two nations had always been as complete in acts as well sentiments, many events which have troubled the general situation and deranged the equilibrium of the Powers would not have taken place. England ceased for some time to take part in the continental affairs, or in the policy of the west of Europe, which yet was a policy essentially one of peace and progress, and her influence was consequently suffered. Lord Stanley, however, on a recent occasion, protested against this systematic abstention, when he declared that Great Britain could not be at peace if the other States of Europe were at war; and it must be admitted that the friendly interference of the English Cabinet had in recent instances excellent results, and contributed greatly to the removal of grave difficulties.

La France says: We hail, therefore, as a guarantee of right and order in Europe, the sympathetic words of the new Envoy of Great Britain. We believe them to be calculated to establish between the two Governments and the two peoples bonds all the more solid and durable, on examining the state of Europe, we see principles and interests common to both, which bring them closer together; and we see none that can divide them.

Ashley admits having had conferences with Conover alias Dunham, while the latter was in jail in Washington under conviction of perjury.

Count de Rosson thinks that any ten or fifteen thousand men sent on the Abyssinian expedition against Theodore, will be defeated.

In the Canadian House of Commons, yesterday, Mr. Cartier stated that the Provincial Government would take the first opportunity to obtain a renewal of the Reciprocity Treaty with the United States.

Mrs. Mary E. Simmons has recovered damages of the Western and Atlantic Railroad to the amount of five thousand dollars for the killing of her husband, Sylvanus Cannon, on the road, in the year 1862.

CITY INTELLIGENCE.

Reportorial Miscellany—General Hancock's office hours are from 9 A. M. to 3 P. M. Sheridan's were from 10 A. M. to 1 P. M., just half the former!

Governor Flanders, Mayor Heath, and the Common Council, have called on General Hancock.

General Hancock telegraphed to General Mower from Baton Rouge, that he did not wish any military display upon his arrival in New Orleans, and ordered that the troops which had been paraded to receive him be remanded to their quarters.

At the organization of the Board of Directors of the New Orleans Lightering and Wrecking Company, at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce, the following named gentlemen were elected officers: J. B. Morrison, President; J. H. Oglesby, Vice President; Edw. A. Yorke, Treasurer; M. Jeff. Thompson, Secretary.

Archbishop Odin is to have a grand public reception to-day.

The Benevolent Sons of Louisiana will celebrate their 11th anniversary during the day.

Mr. Lewis Baker, a perfect gentleman and finished actor, is the new Manager of the St. Charles Theatre.

The St. Andrews Society had an anniversary banquet last evening. We had no invitation.

The Board of Directors of the Mechanics and Agricultural Fair Association have resolved to award an elegant gold medal for the best general account of the second grand Fair, which is to be held on the 7th of January next, in this city.

Brevet Lieut. Col. John B. Johnson, 6th U. S. Cavalry, is ordered to report at Head Quarters without unnecessary delay, for duty as Acting Assistant Inspector General, on the staff of the Major General Commanding.

City Mortality—There were 31 interments in the various cemeteries of New Orleans during the 24 hours ending at 12 o'clock yesterday morning. Of this number 15 of the deceased died of cholera. There were no deaths of yellow fever. The weather is cold.

Affair of Honor—The Chief of Police got wind yesterday of an affair of honor intended to come off at an early hour at the Gentilly Road, at about 6 o'clock this morning. The police appearing on the ground, the parties disappeared in different directions, but subsequently met at the Half way House, where they took a hasty, probably be carried into effect but that the suspensive order will remain in force. From various sources at Washington City and elsewhere it has been ascertained that the President has instructed Gen. Grant to direct Gen. Hancock to cause an investigation to be made into the reasons that induced Gen. Mower to remove Sheriff Hays and the Clerk of the Second District Court of this parish, and others, and the action thereupon is had if these removals were made on merely partisan grounds, Sheriff Hays and Mr. O'Rorke will be reinstated. Those officers were elected by the duly qualified voters of the parish, whose wishes have been disregarded by their dismissal from office with out legal cause. In pursuance of the policy laid down by General Hancock, touching the supremacy of the civil laws of the State, unless misconduct on their part be proved, they must be restored to the exercise of their functions. Of course there are sceptics who say the utterances of General Hancock are vague and unmeaning, and that he will follow in the footsteps of his predecessors. With such persons "the wish is probably father to the thought." We have no high an opinion of the character of the man, to believe that he would lead our people to indulge in hopes he intended to disappoint. There is nothing in Gen. Hancock's record which should lead any one to doubt the sincerity of his words. He knows the force and meaning of the language he has employed, and until the contrary shall have been proven we shall repose implicit confidence in the gentlemenese of his professional honor, and in the manliness of his character to resist, and time will be needed to effect all the improvement in our affairs which is imperatively demanded. Investigation into these subjects must be prosecuted methodically and cannot be completed in a day. We only fear that the mountains of fraud and corruption to be developed, will excite a spasm of those by whom these inquiries are to be made, that Gen. Old placed Col. McCardle under arrest, and that he decided that not to be constitutional. He also declared that the powers vested in the law itself were not transcended by the District Commander. It was therefore decided that the prisoner was entitled to counsel, and to a trial before a military commission, and he was remanded to the custody of the military authorities, to answer the charge of the false oath of allegiance.

Question—Do you recollect P. D. Roddy, said to be a rebel Brigadier General?

Answer—Yes, sir. I do not recollect what my indorsement was in Roddy's case, but I know that if I had it to do over again I would recommend the pardon very quickly, and I presume I did so. He is a man I considered I would be very glad to sign a recommendation for him now.

By Mr. Marshall—Question—I understood you to say that you were very anxious, at the close of the war, that civil governments should be established in some form, and you so advised the President?

Answer—I so stated frequently in his presence, but I advised no particular form of proceeding.

Question—Were you present when this South Carolina proclamation was read in the cabinet?

Answer—I would not be certain, but am of the opinion that the first time I heard it read was in the presence of the President and Secretary of War.

Question—Did you assent to the plan?

Answer—I did not dissent from it. It was a civil matter, and although I was anxious something should be done, I did not intend to express an opinion about it at the time. I looked upon it as simply a temporary measure until Congress could confer upon the whole question, and that it did not make much difference how it was done, so that there was a form of government. I think I was present at the time by invitation of either Mr. Seward or Secretary of war. I supposed I was free to express my views. I suppose the object was that I should express my views to the President and not to change. I do not think I was asked my views. I know that, if I had been asked the question, I would have answered that I had not anything about it that would have given stable government there. In reference to the opinion I gave the President on the amnesty Proclamation, I think I testified before the Judiciary Committee in behalf of and at the request of Mr. Stanbery. I remember it was in connection with him, and I only do what I am paid for. I am no Radical in my own country, and don't care for my opinion about it, except for money.

Yours truly,

W. H. McCARDLE,

Editor Vicksburg *Daily Times*.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 26, 1867.

GENERAL GRANT SPEAKS OUT—Speaking of the strictures of the *N. O. Tribune* on his reticence, Gen. Grant says: "As to my principles, I have not meant to leave any room in doubt. I would save my country. I would save it in the shortest way under the Constitution. If there be those who would destroy the country I stress they could, at the same time, save their own theories. I do not agree with them. My wish is to save the country, and as soon as possible to restore all the States to their proper relations as such, and upon the principles of seven hundred justices. What I do besides, I do as a citizen. I do not belong to the military politics of the day. My ship is in the country, and what I change, I forbear because I do believe it will be for the good of the country. I shall do less whenever I believe that doing more will help the cause. I shall do more whenever I shall believe that doing more will help the cause.

THE COTTON TAX —A contemporary suggests that the experiment of the collection of this tax probably have the effect of indneing planters to hold back their crops from market in order to save the amount of tax on the price of cotton, and says it is unwise for two reasons. First the tendency of cotton is downwards and they may lose in the market price more than they save in the tax, and second, there is the same reason to believe that the repeal act will embrace the present crop, and take effect at least from the 1st of January. Others are there to say that the tax will be removed at all. Apart from this, the factors of the city strained every nerve to advance cotton for the planters on their plantations, and justice demands that they should be reimbursed as soon as the crops are ready for market.—*Jackson (Miss.) Clarion.*

On thirty-three plantations in Lownds and Noxubee counties, Miss., the average crop of cotton, before the war, was 7,600 bales; this year these plantations will not make more than 2500 bales. And yet the crops on these thirty-three plantations are much better than the general crop of the two counties. At some places there are giving one third and others one-fourth to the freedmen, not more than 1800 bales will be realized by the planters of these thirty-three plantations. These 1800 bales, at seventy dollars net per bale, will bring $126,000. The most, corn, bagging, ties, loss, wear and tear will not amount to less than $250,000. Here, then, is a clear loss, and yet the land has been thrown in.

AN ARMED NEGRO CONSPIRACY.—The Savannah papers contain a letter addressed to the commander of the post by leading planters on the Ogechee, in which they aver, upon undoubted testimony, that "there exists on the Chatham county side of the Great Ogechee river an armed military organization among the freedmen, whose ostensible and avowed purpose is to see that the rules as have been established by the contracts made with the approval of the Freedmen's Bureau, and to protect them in their own estate of rights, without regard to those of the late slaveholders and their lessees." The document was sent to Gen. Pope.

The *Southern Cultivator* makes the suggestion that our farmers should plant a portion of their fields with early Northern corn, which ripens in from sixty to ninety days, and thus be ready for the support of stock or for the making of bread a month earlier than the common Southern corn. This will enable them to coin money out of our earlier seasons, upon which we have so often dwelt.

DETAILS OF THE GEORGIA ELECTION.—The Augusta *Republican* publishes the following details of the elections in Georgia under the military bills:

The registered list numbered 188,647; the votes cast 107,410; majority of registered voters that voted, 12,086.—"for a Convention," 102,-988; "against a Convention," 4122; majority for Convention, 98,196. Vote for Convention, 105,983; majority of vote for a "Convention" over half the registered vote, 11,087.

The ex Queen of Hanover has joined the Catholic Church.

The Impeachment Question.

THE JUDICIARY COMMITTEE WORRYING GRANT.

Gen. Grant was examined before the Judiciary Committee the 18th of July last. We make room for the following interesting extracts:

Question—"Did you ever give your opinion to the President that his proclamation interfered with the situation between yourself and Gen. Lee?"

Answer—"No, sir, I frequently had to intercede for Gen. Lee and other paroled officers, on the ground that their parole, so long as they obeyed the laws of the United States, protected them from arrest, and the President, at that time, occupied exactly the same grounds, viz: that they should be tried and punished. He wanted to know when the time would come that they would be punished. I told him not so long as they obeyed the laws and complied with the stipulation. That was the ground I took."

Question—"Did you not also urge that that applied as well to the common soldiers?"

Answer—"Of course it applied to every one who took the parole, but that matter was not conversed about. In the case of some of the leaders he claimed that in the surrender of their armies and arms they had done what they could not have been compelled to do, as a portion of them could have escaped, but they surrendered in consideration of the fact that they were to be exempt from trial. As long as they conformed to the obligations they had taken they were entitled to that."

Question—"You looked on that in the nature of a parole, and held that they could only be tried when they violated that parole?"

Answer—"Yes, that was the view I took of the question."

Question—"That is your view still?"

Answer—"Yes, sir, unquestionably."

Question—"Did you understand that to apply to Gen. Lee?"

Answer—"Certainly."

Question—"That was the understanding of the arrangement which you made with Gen Lee?"

Answer—"That was my understanding of an arrangement which I gave voluntarily. Gen Lee's army was the first to surrender, and I believed with such terms all the rebel armies would surrender, and that we would thus have peace without a continuance of the war in a way that we would make very little progress, with having no organized armies to meet."

Question—"You considered that the like terms were given by Gen. Sherman to the armies which surrendered to him?"

Answer—"I do, sir, and to all the armies that surrendered after that."

Question—"You would that so long as they kept their parole of honor and obeyed the laws they were not subject to be tried by court?"

Answer—"That was my opinion. *I still state here that I am not quite certain whether I was being tried, or who is being tried, by the questions asked of me.*"

Mr Eldridge—"I am not trying anybody. I am trying as to the President's proclamation, and as to the views he entertained. Did you give those views to the President?"

Gen Grant—"I have stated those views to the President frequently, and, as I have said, he disagreed with me in these views. He intended that the leaders should be punished and wanted to know when the time would come that these persons would be tried. I told him when they violated the parole."

Question—"Did you consider that it applied to Jeff Davis?"

Answer—"No, sir. He did not take any parole."

Question—"He did not surrender?"

Answer—"No, sir. It applied to no person who was captured, only to those who were paroled."

Question—"Did the President insist that Gen. Lee should take the parole?"

Answer—"He contended for it."

Question—"And you claimed that the parole which Gen Lee had given would be violated in such a case?"

Answer—"I did. I insisted on it that Gen Lee would not have surrendered his army and given up his arms and horses if he had not had a surrender he was going to be tried for treason and hanged. I thought we got a very good equivalent for all of the leaders in not getting all their arms and putting themselves under control, bound by their oath to obey the laws. That was the consideration which I insisted upon as had controlled."

Question—"Did the President agree that question with you?"

Answer—"There was not much argument about it. It was merely assertion."

Question—"After you had expressed your opinion about it, did the matter rest with you?"

Answer—"No, sir, not there. He after-ward got to agree with me on that subject as I have stated. *I do not recollect that I ever expressed any opinion to Congress, except as I had expressed it to the President. I thought that Congress could confer upon the whole question of reconstruction of the armies and I had a right to regulate the surrender in the field. I only held to the view That until I learned* The parole gave to the prisoner of war, and to a trial before a military commission, and he was remanded to the custody of the military authorities, to answer the charge of the false oath of allegiance.

Question—Do you recollect P. D. Roddy, said to be a rebel Brigadier General?

Answer—Yes, sir. I do not recollect what my indorsement was in Roddy's case, but I know that if I had it to do over again I would recommend the pardon very quickly, and I presume I did so. He is a man I considered I would be very glad to sign a recommendation for him now.

By Mr. Marshall—Question—I understood you to say that you were very anxious, at the close of the war, that civil governments should be established in some form, and you so advised the President?

Answer—I so stated frequently in his presence, but I advised no particular form of proceeding.

Question—Were you present when this South Carolina proclamation was read in the cabinet?

Answer—I would not be certain, but am of the opinion that the first time I heard it read was in the presence of the President and Secretary of War.

Question—Did you assent to the plan?

Answer—I did not dissent from it. It was a civil matter, and although I was anxious something should be done, I did not intend to express an opinion about it at the time. I looked upon it as simply a temporary measure until Congress could confer upon the whole question, and that it did not make much difference how it was done, so that there was a form of government. I think I was present at the time by invitation of either Mr. Seward or Secretary of war. I supposed I was free to express my views. I suppose the object was that I should express my views to the President and not to change. I do not think I was asked my views. I know that, if I had been asked the question, I would have answered that I had not anything about it that would have given stable government there. In reference to the opinion I gave the President on the amnesty Proclamation, I think I testified before the Judiciary Committee in behalf of and at the request of Mr. Stanbery. I remember it was in connection with him, and I only do what I am paid for. I am no Radical in my own country, and don't care for my opinion about it, except for money.

Yours truly,

W. H. McCARDLE,

Editor Vicksburg *Daily Times*.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 26, 1867.

GENERAL GRANT SPEAKS OUT—Speaking of the strictures of the *N. O. Tribune* on his reticence, Gen. Grant says: "As to my principles, I have not meant to leave any room in doubt. I would save my country. I would save it in the shortest way under the Constitution. If there be those who would destroy the country I stress they could, at the same time, save their own theories. I do not agree with them. My wish is to save the country, and as soon as possible to restore all the States to their proper relations as such, and upon the principles of seven hundred justices. What I do besides, I do as a citizen. I do not belong to the military politics of the day. My ship is in the country, and what I change, I forbear because I do believe it will be for the good of the country. I shall do less whenever I believe that doing more will help the cause. I shall do more whenever I shall believe that doing more will help the cause.

THE COTTON TAX —A contemporary suggests that the experiment of the collection of this tax probably have the effect of indneing planters to hold back their crops from market in order to save the amount of tax on the price of cotton, and says it is unwise for two reasons. First the tendency of cotton is downwards and they may lose in the market price more than they save in the tax, and second, there is the same reason to believe that the repeal act will embrace the present crop, and take effect at least from the 1st of January. Others are there to say that the tax will be removed at all. Apart from this, the factors of the city strained every nerve to advance cotton for the planters on their plantations, and justice demands that they should be reimbursed as soon as the crops are ready for market.—*Jackson (Miss.) Clarion.*

On thirty-three plantations in Lowndes and Noxubee counties, Miss., the average crop of cotton, before the war, was 7,600 bales; this year these plantations will not make more than 2500 bales. And yet the crops on these thirty-three plantations are much better than the general crop of the two counties. At some places there are giving one third and others one-fourth to the freedmen, not more than 1800 bales will be realized by the planters of these thirty-three plantations. These 1800 bales, at seventy dollars net per bale, will bring $126,000. The most, corn, bagging, ties, loss, wear and tear will not amount to less than $250,000. Here, then, is a clear loss, and yet the land has been thrown in.

AN ARMED NEGRO CONSPIRACY.—The Savannah papers contain a letter addressed to the commander of the post by leading planters on the Ogechee, in which they aver, upon undoubted testimony, that "there exists on the Chatham county side of the Great Ogechee river an armed military organization among the freedmen, whose ostensible and avowed purpose is to see that the rules as have been established by the contracts made with the approval of the Freedmen's Bureau, and to protect them in their own estate of rights, without regard to those of the late slaveholders and their lessees." The document was sent to Gen. Pope.

The *Southern Cultivator* makes the suggestion that our farmers should plant a portion of their fields with early Northern corn, which ripens in from sixty to ninety days, and thus be ready for the support of stock or for the making of bread a month earlier than the common Southern corn. This will enable them to coin money out of our earlier seasons, upon which we have so often dwelt.

DETAILS OF THE GEORGIA ELECTION.—The Augusta *Republican* publishes the following details of the elections in Georgia under the military bills:

The registered list numbered 188,647; the votes cast 107,410; majority of registered voters that voted, 12,086.—"for a Convention," 102,-988; "against a Convention," 4122; majority for Convention, 98,196. Vote for Convention, 105,983; majority of vote for a "Convention" over half the registered vote, 11,087.

The ex Queen of Hanover has joined the Catholic Church.

The Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion* says: We regret to learn that both the eminent jurists, Henry T. Eliot and William L. Harris, have resigned their seats on the bench of the Supreme Court of the State. The Court is now practically abolished under the operation of the Military bills.

The Princess of Wales is rapidly recovering her health.

BY TELEGRAPH.

[To the New Orleans Bee.]

FROM WASHINGTON.

The Forthcoming Message.

Fight with the Indians at Plumb Creek.

Decision of Revenue Authorities.

The Cunard Steamers and Their Pay.

Investigation of Senator Thomas' Loyalty.

The Alabama Convention.

FROM EUROPE.

Terrible Steamer Explosion at Liverpool.

Forty Persons Killed.

Domestic Markets.

Washington, Nov. 30.—Internal Revenue receipts to day $535,000; for the week $3,113 000, for the year $95,120,000. National Bank circulation $299,441.

The reading of the President's message will occupy two hours.

The Ways and Means Committee will report to-morrow evening contracting and prescribing the time and manner of selling surplus gold.

The Senate Judiciary Committee is investigating the loyalty of Senator Thomas, from Maryland.

Customs receipts from the 18th to the 23d, $2,219 000.

Jeff. Davis remains several days at Barnum's Hotel, Baltimore.

Washington, Nov. 30—Lieut. Sherley and family, whose house was attacked at Plumb Creek by the Indians, and two killed and six wagons and twenty thousand dollars worth of property was taken from them.

Gen. Sheridan has not yet submitted his views to the President frequently, and, as I have said, he disagreed with me in these views. He intended that the leaders should be punished and wanted to know when the time would come that these persons would be tried. I told him when they violated the parole.

Question—Did you consider that it applied to Jeff Davis?

Answer—No, sir. He did not take any parole.

Question—"He did not surrender?

Answer—"No, sir. It applied to no person who was captured, only to those who were paroled."

Question—"Did the President insist that Gen. Lee should take the parole?"

Answer—"He contended for it."

Question—"And you claimed that the parole which Gen Lee had given would be violated in such a case?"

Answer—"I did. I insisted on it that Gen Lee would not have surrendered his army and given up his arms and horses if he had not had a surrender he was going to be tried for treason and hanged. I thought we got a very good equivalent for all of the leaders in not getting all their arms and putting themselves under control, bound by their oath to obey the laws. That was the consideration which I insisted upon as had controlled."

Question—"Did the President agree that question with you?"

Answer—"There was not much argument about it. It was merely assertion."

Question—"After you had expressed your opinion about it, did the matter rest with you?"

Answer—"No, sir, not there. He afterward got to agree with me on that subject as I have stated. *I do not recollect that I ever expressed any opinion to Congress, except as I had expressed it to the President. I thought that Congress could confer upon the whole question of reconstruction of the armies and I had a right to regulate the surrender in the field. I only held to the view That until I learned* The parole gave to the prisoner of war, and to a trial before a military commission, and he was remanded to the custody of the military authorities, to answer the charge of the false oath of allegiance.

Question—Do you recollect P. D. Roddy, said to be a rebel Brigadier General?

Answer—Yes, sir. I do not recollect what my indorsement was in Roddy's case, but I know that if I had it to do over again I would recommend the pardon very quickly, and I presume I did so. He is a man I considered I would be very glad to sign a recommendation for him now.

By Mr. Marshall—Question—I understood you to say that you were very anxious, at the close of the war, that civil governments should be established in some form, and you so advised the President?

Answer—I so stated frequently in his presence, but I advised no particular form of proceeding.

Question—"Were you present when this South Carolina proclamation was read in the cabinet?

Answer—"I would not be certain, but am of the opinion that the first time I heard it read was in the presence of the President and Secretary of War.

Question—"Did you assent to the plan?

Answer—"I did not dissent from it. It was a civil matter, and although I was anxious something should be done, I did not intend to express an opinion about it at the time. I looked upon it as simply a temporary measure until Congress could confer upon the whole question, and that it did not make much difference how it was done, so that there was a form of government. I think I was present at the time by invitation of either Mr. Seward or Secretary of war. I supposed I was free to express my views. I suppose the object was that I should express my views to the President and not to change. I do not think I was asked my views. I know that, if I had been asked the question, I would have answered that I had not anything about it that would have given stable government there. In reference to the opinion I gave the President on the amnesty Proclamation, I think I testified before the Judiciary Committee in behalf of and at the request of Mr. Stanbery. I remember it was in connection with him, and I only do what I am paid for. I am no Radical in my own country, and don't care for my opinion about it, except for money.

Yours truly,

W. H. McCARDLE,

Editor Vicksburg *Daily Times*.

Jackson, Miss., Nov. 26, 1867.

GENERAL GRANT SPEAKS OUT—Speaking of the strictures of the *N. O. Tribune* on his reticence, Gen. Grant says: "As to my principles, I have not meant to leave any room in doubt. I would save my country. I would save it in the shortest way under the Constitution. If there be those who would destroy the country I stress they could, at the same time, save their own theories. I do not agree with them. My wish is to save the country, and as soon as possible to restore all the States to their proper relations as such, and upon the principles of seven hundred justices. What I do besides, I do as a citizen. I do not belong to the military politics of the day. My ship is in the country, and what I change, I forbear because I do believe it will be for the good of the country. I shall do less whenever I believe that doing more will help the cause. I shall do more whenever I shall believe that doing more will help the cause.

THE COTTON TAX —A contemporary suggests that the experiment of the collection of this tax probably have the effect of indneing planters to hold back their crops from market in order to save the amount of tax on the price of cotton, and says it is unwise for two reasons. First the tendency of cotton is downwards and they may lose in the market price more than they save in the tax, and second, there is the same reason to believe that the repeal act will embrace the present crop, and take effect at least from the 1st of January. Others are there to say that the tax will be removed at all. Apart from this, the factors of the city strained every nerve to advance cotton for the planters on their plantations, and justice demands that they should be reimbursed as soon as the crops are ready for market.—*Jackson (Miss.) Clarion.*

On thirty-three plantations in Lowndes and Noxubee counties, Miss., the average crop of cotton, before the war, was 7,600 bales; this year these plantations will not make more than 2500 bales. And yet the crops on these thirty-three plantations are much better than the general crop of the two counties. At some places there are giving one third and others one-fourth to the freedmen, not more than 1800 bales will be realized by the planters of these thirty-three plantations. These 1800 bales, at seventy dollars net per bale, will bring $126,000. The most, corn, bagging, ties, loss, wear and tear will not amount to less than $250,000. Here, then, is a clear loss, and yet the land has been thrown in.

AN ARMED NEGRO CONSPIRACY.—The Savannah papers contain a letter addressed to the commander of the post by leading planters on the Ogechee, in which they aver, upon undoubted testimony, that "there exists on the Chatham county side of the Great Ogechee river an armed military organization among the freedmen, whose ostensible and avowed purpose is to see that the rules as have been established by the contracts made with the approval of the Freedmen's Bureau, and to protect them in their own estate of rights, without regard to those of the late slaveholders and their lessees." The document was sent to Gen. Pope.

The *Southern Cultivator* makes the suggestion that our farmers should plant a portion of their fields with early Northern corn, which ripens in from sixty to ninety days, and thus be ready for the support of stock or for the making of bread a month earlier than the common Southern corn. This will enable them to coin money out of our earlier seasons, upon which we have so often dwelt.

DETAILS OF THE GEORGIA ELECTION.—The Augusta *Republican* publishes the following details of the elections in Georgia under the military bills:

The registered list numbered 188,647; the votes cast 107,410; majority of registered voters that voted, 12,086.—"for a Convention," 102,-988; "against a Convention," 4122; majority for Convention, 98,196. Vote for Convention, 105,983; majority of vote for a "Convention" over half the registered vote, 11,087.

The ex Queen of Hanover has joined the Catholic Church.

The Jackson (Miss.) *Clarion* says: We regret to learn that both the eminent jurists, Henry T. Eliot and William L. Harris, have resigned their seats on the bench of the Supreme Court of the State. The Court is now practically abolished under the operation of the Military bills.

The Princess of Wales is rapidly recovering her health.

MONETARY AND FINANCIAL.

SATURDAY EVENING, Nov. 30, 1867.

The Money market exhibited but little change to-day. We noticed, however, further indications of relaxation. The banks are more liberal in their discounts, and the number of applicants from the interior is increasing, most of them coming prepared for cash purchases, or to make partial payments on purchases obligations. On the street, good notes with satisfactory collaterals, are now quoted at 1¼ to 1½ per cent. per month, and mortgage paper at 12 to 15 per cent. per annum. At one of the banks a farmer requested the privilege of paying up a note for a round amount, which will not mature for some time to come. Such may be regarded as exceptional cases, hardly requiring special notice, but they, nevertheless, indicate increasing ease.

Gold opened at 138¼ to 138¼, but gave way after the receipt of telegrams reporting a decline at New York, and closed at 137¾. The sales include $15,000 at 137¾, $5000 at 138¼, to 138½, and $2500 at 138½. Nothing was reported in Silver.

Foreign Exchange was depressed by the course of the New York Gold market, and rates declined 1 to 1¼ per cent. The sales of Sterling included a round amount at 148¾, £2600 at 148¾, £6000 at 149, £1000 at 149¼, £8000 at 149¾, £900 at 149¾, £500 at 149¾, £900 at 150, and £4000, in two equal sums, at 150⅛. In France we noticed sales of 160 000, 160,000 and 100,000, good commercial at 3.82½, a moderate amount at 3.81¾, 3500 francs a further amount at 3 80, and a moderate sum of bills on sight at 3.78¾. We now quote Sterling at 147¾ for good bill of lading, 148 to 148¼ for A1 bill of lading and clear, 149¾ to 150 for first class and private bankers, and 151 to 153 for bank; and France at 3.80¾ to 3.77½ for good to A1 commercial, and 3.73¾ to 3.72½ for private bankers' and bank.

We have no material variation to report in Domestic Exchanges. The banks continued to check on New York at ¼ per cent. discount, but a round amount could have been had at ¾. The remittance demand was for at some amounts but limited at others. The sales of commercial included $60,000 at ½, 9 16 and ⅝ per cent discount, $30,000, $20,000, $35,000 and $60,000 at ⅝, $30,000 and $60,000 at ¾, $15,000 ten days' at 1¼, and $10,000 at 1¼; and $5000 thirty days' at 1½.

There were some few sales of Stocks, including 10 shares Bank of America, but none of the particulars were reported. It is understood, however, that purchases were made at par. We regarded as very low prices, considering the real value of the shares.

We hear of no sales of City Bonds. The last reported were at 79 to 80 for the Consolidated, and 67 for the Railroad issues. They may be quoted at 79 to 81 for the former, and 66 to 68 for the latter, according to the quality.

The Revenue authorities have decided that where cotton is reported in transit to be cleared identified as the same cotton for which the permit has been obtained. A permit does not under any circumstances authorize any person to export cotton, bales or parcels of other cotton. A permit to remove cotton, showing the payment of tax, is sufficient to authorize exportation. The tax on cotton exported from producing district will be collected from the cotton itself, no matter in whose possession it may be found, whether in the district or in any district where produced, provided no tax-paid until manufactured. Every person, firm or corporation engaged in exporting cotton for any purpose in the district where the cotton is produced, must make return and pay the tax.

New York, Nov. 30.—Cotton lower—sales 2500 bales at 30c., middling uplands 29¾c. Flour—State $9 to $10. Wheat dull and nominally lower. Corn 1c. lower—mixed Western $1.35 to $1.38. Lard dull—12¾ to 13¾c. Rosin steady. Naval Stores quiet. Groceries quiet and unchanged. Freights steady and quiet.

Montgomery, Nov. 30.—The Reconvention Committee have no ordinance before them to organize the Volunteer Militia of Alabama. It authorizes one County to every 1000 voters. The militia to be appointed by the Governor and to be of known loyalty." A great many offices with heavy emoluments are provided. Maj. Gen. Pope, three Brigadier Generals, Inspector, Paymaster and Surgeon Generals, &c. The whole to be under the command of the Governor.

The ordinance also declares that the measure places the State under a military dynasty similar to Brownlow's. Its expenses will necessarily be large, and the tax will be high.

An ordinance was passed declaring the war debt of the State and liabilities created, directly or indirectly in aid of the war, null and void.

An ordinance reported by a select committee was discussed until the hour of adjournment providing for the expunging by fire of all debts created by the State of all debts existing Jan 20th, 1865.

The Convention will continue in session through a part of next week.

Richmond, Nov. 30.—The United States Circuit Court will adjourn Monday until the adjournment of the Reconstruction Convention, which meets Tuesday. Many delegates have arrived.

There was a caucus of the Republican members to-night.

Weather very cold. Ice formed here to day.

Charleston, Nov. 30.—Cotton steady and dull—not closed with a downward tendency. Middlings 27½c. Sales 300 bales.

Savannah, Nov. 30.—Cotton dull and heavy—middlings 14¾ to 14¾. Sales 1031. Receipts 2030.

Mobile, Nov. 30.—The market closed nominal—middlings 14½c.; sales 2000 bales; receipts 1,861.

Augusta, Nov. 30.—Cotton market steady—sales 130 bales; receipts 164—middlings 14¼c.

Augusta, Nov. 30.—There was a heavy freeze last night, and it was very cold all day.

Louisville, Nov. 30.—Sales of 42 hogsheads Tobacco, logs $6 30; light leaf $13 75. Superior to fine leaf $16 to 25. Corn—new car 75c. Bacon firm; shoulders 12c; clear ribbed sides 15½c. Bulk Meats—shoulders 13c; clear ribbed sides 15½c. Lard—kegs 17c; tierces Mess Pork—old, $29 50. Whisky in bond 35c. Sugar—choice New Orleans