

Selected Poetry.

Ode to my New Bonnet.

Soft triangle of straw and lace
That curves around my blushing face
With such a coy, bewitching grace...

A bit of straw adorned with leather,
A yard of lace, a spray of heather,
Some hedges and a tossing feather...

List of General Hospitals.

Under Direction of Surgeon R. O. Abbott, U. S. A., Medical Director Department of Washington.

- 1. Armory Square, Washington, D. C.
2. Carver, Washington, D. C.
3. Campbell, Washington, D. C.
4. Columbian, Washington D. C.
5. Ricard, Washington, D. C.
6. Douglas, Washington, D. C.
7. Emory, Washington, D. C.
8. Fairfax Seminary, Virginia.
9. Finley, Washington, D. C.
10. Harewood, Washington, D. C.
11. Judiciary Square, Washington, D. C.
12. Kalorama, (small-pox), Washington, D. C.
13. Lincoln, Washington, D. C.
14. Mount Pleasant, Washington, D. C.
15. Seminary, Georgetown, D. C.
16. Stanton, Washington, D. C.
17. Stone, Washington D. C.
18. First Division General, Alexandria, Va.
19. Second Division General, Alexandria, Va.
20. Third Division General, Alexandria, Va.
21. Augur General Hospital, near Alexandria, in charge of Surgeon G. L. Sutton, U. S. V.
22. Point Lookout General Hospital, Point Lookout, Maryland, in charge of Surgeon A. Heger, U. S. A.
23. Quartermaster's Hospital, K street north, between North Capitol and First streets, Dr. Lincoln in charge.
24. Quartermaster's Hospital, Cavalry Depot, Giesboro', L. O. Osmun, M. D. in charge.

Louis Kossuth, in the course of a private letter of the 28th May to the Editor of the Tribune, incidentally says:
The stain of slavery is removed from the fair escutcheon of your noble land...

MATHEMATICAL DISCOVERY.—Professor Sylvester, an English mathematician, has discovered the proof of Sir Isaac Newton's rule for the discovery of the imaginary roots of equations, which has been a great problem among algebraists for the last century and a half.

Stewart's income last year was returned at \$1,800,000. This year it is \$300,000 only.

The Lewiston "Journal" says the plan of giving Gen. Howard 730's is said to be opposed by Gen. H's friends.

Interesting.

"Douglas" the correspondent of the Charleston Courier gives the following interesting items:

THE NATIONAL LOAN.
Up to the present time, Jay Cook & Co. report sales amounting to \$700,000,000 of the whole series of \$800,000,000, leaving only \$100,000,000 to be disposed of. This is one of the most substantial and flattering evidence of the confidence the people have in the stability and future prosperity of the Government that could be had.

THE WAR DEPARTMENT
is still busy in the further reduction of the army. It is rumored that an order will be issued in a few days reducing a large number of Major Generals and Brigadier Generals of Volunteers, to their rank in the Regular Army, and disposes with those of the Volunteer service who are not needed for active duty. This will greatly reduce the expenses of the Government. The Signal Corps, which has rendered invaluable service during the past four years, will be immediately mustered out of service and paid off, as that branch of the service is not required in peace times.

THE DEPARTMENTS
are overwhelmed with business. So suddenly did the late gigantic war close, and accounts pour in for settlement from all quarters, that it will take months to begin to see daylight. Over a hundred clerks were recalled in the Third Auditor's office last month; many more will be this month. In most instances preference is shown to discharged and disabled soldiers. The Treasury Department alone has nearly three thousand clerks; the War Department nearly as many more; yet it will take two years to finish what work is already in hand. This shows the immense amount there is already on hand, besides what is yet to be filed and acted upon. One can truly say this is a great country.

Gen. Howard will issue instructions in a few days for the government of the freedmen in the States, and hopes to have all things in good working order throughout the State of South Carolina at an early day.

COUNTERFEITS.—Counterfeit fives of the National banks are in circulation. The color of the paper is a little paler than the genuine. They are, however, easily detected by observing the position of the letter "T" in the word "This," in the line reading, "This note is secured by bonds of..." The "T" in the genuine is over the left portion of the letter "I" in "United," while in the counterfeit it is further to the left, over the middle of the "N" of the same word.

There are also counterfeit ones. Treasury notes. We have, however, seen no description of them as yet.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

The Matamoros Ranchero of the 23d ult., says among the rebel leaders steering for the City of Mexico, are Generals Kirby Smith, Price, Wilcox, Magruder, Walker, King, Preston, and Colonels Flournoy and O'Connell, Gen. in Mexico for the French, General Moore. Those who remain at Monterey are Generals Shelby, Bea, Broadwell, Relley, Governors Clark, Reynolds, and Murray.

From the 3d to the 8th of August, 1865, fifty-six regiments, batteries and companies were mustered out of the United States service by order of the Secretary of War, making over 700,000 men discharged from service since June 1st, 1865.

We understand that the Department of State has received information to the effect that orders have been given by the French Commander in Mexico for the positions of the property of the insurgent Government, which was taken to that country on the occasion of the evacuation of Brownsville.

The Post Royal New South learns that the negroes on St. Helena Island have armed themselves for self-protection.

It is stated that Sir Narcisse Belleau is to be the new Premier of Canada.

Quotations for Southern Bank Notes.

Table with columns for Bank Name, Rate, and Location. Includes entries for Bank of Berkeley, Bank of Columbia, Bank of Georgia, etc.

By the Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina.
A PROCLAMATION.
WHEREAS, HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT JOHNSON, has issued his proclamation appointing me, (BENJAMIN F. PERRY) Provisional Governor in and for the State of South Carolina, with power to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for convening a Convention of the State, composed of delegates to be chosen by that portion of the people of said State who are loyal to the United States, for the purpose of altering or amending the Constitution thereof, and with authority to exercise within the limits of the State all the powers necessary and proper to enable such loyal people to restore said State to its constitutional relations to the Federal Government, and to present such a Republican form of State Government as will entitle the State to the guarantee of the United States therefor, and its people to protection by the United States against invasion, insurrection and domestic violence...

By the Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina.

It is announced for the information and government of this command that BENJAMIN F. PERRY, of South Carolina, has been appointed by the President, Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina, with authority and instructions, at the earliest practicable period, to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for convening a Convention, composed of delegates to be chosen by that portion of the people of said State who are loyal to the United States, and no others; for the purpose of altering or amending the constitution thereof; and with authority to exercise, within the limits of said State all the powers necessary and proper to enable such loyal people of the State of South Carolina to restore said State to its constitutional relations to the Federal Government, and to present such a Republican form of State Government as will entitle the State to the guarantee of the United States therefor, and its people to protection by the United States against invasion, insurrection, and domestic violence...

And I do further proclaim, declare and make known, that it is the duty of all loyal citizens of the State of South Carolina to promptly go forward and take the oath of allegiance to the United States, before some magistrate or military officer of the Federal Government, who may be qualified for administering oaths; and such are hereby authorized to give certified copies of the oaths to the persons respectively by whom they were made. And such magistrates or officers are hereby required to transmit the originals of such oaths, at as early a day as may be convenient, to the Department of State in the City of Washington, D. C.

And I do further proclaim, declare and make known, that the Magistrates of Elections throughout the State of South Carolina will hold a election for members of a State Convention at their respective precincts on the FIRST MONDAY IN SEPTEMBER NEXT, according to the laws of South Carolina in force before the secession of the State, and that the Election District in the State shall elect as many members of the Convention as the said District has members of the House of Representatives—the basis of representation being population and taxation. This will give one hundred and forty-four members to the Convention, and will be sufficiently large to represent every portion of the State most fully.

Every loyal citizen who has taken the Amnesty Oath and not within the excepted classes in the President's Proclamation, will be entitled to vote, provided he has a legal voter under the Constitution as it stood prior to his accession to South Carolina. And all who are within the excepted classes must take the oath and apply for pardon, in order to entitle them to vote or become members of the Convention.

The members of the Convention thus elected on the first Monday in September next, are hereby constituted as the Convention of the State, and they are to meet in the City of Columbia on Wednesday, the 13th day of September, 1865, for the purpose of altering and amending the present Constitution of South Carolina, or remodeling and making a new one, which will conform to the great changes which have taken place in the State, and be more in harmony with Republican principles and equality of representation.

And I do further proclaim and make known that the Constitution and all laws of force in South Carolina prior to the secession of the State, are hereby made of force under the Provisional Government, except in so far as they may conflict with the provisions of the Proclamation. And the Judges and Chancellors of the State are hereby required to exercise all the powers and perform all the duties which appertain to their respective offices, and especially in criminal cases. It will be expected of the Federal military authorities in South Carolina, to lend their authority to the civil officers of the Provisional Government, for the purpose of enforcing the laws and preserving the peace and good order of the State.

And I do further command and enjoin all good and law-abiding citizens of the State, and in enforcing the laws and bringing to justice all disorderly persons, all plunderers, robbers and murderers, all vagrants and idle persons who are wandering about without employment or any visible means of supporting themselves. It is also expected that the freedmen, and not turn off the children or aged to perish, and the freed men and women are earnestly enjoined to make contracts, just and fair for remaining with their former owners.

HEAD QUARTERS DEPARTMENT OF S. C.

HILTON HEAD S. C., July 29th, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS No. 9.

It is announced for the information and government of this command that BENJAMIN F. PERRY, of South Carolina, has been appointed by the President, Provisional Governor of the State of South Carolina, with authority and instructions, at the earliest practicable period, to prescribe such rules and regulations as may be necessary and proper for convening a Convention, composed of delegates to be chosen by that portion of the people of said State who are loyal to the United States, and no others; for the purpose of altering or amending the constitution thereof; and with authority to exercise, within the limits of said State all the powers necessary and proper to enable such loyal people of the State of South Carolina to restore said State to its constitutional relations to the Federal Government, and to present such a Republican form of State Government as will entitle the State to the guarantee of the United States therefor, and its people to protection by the United States against invasion, insurrection, and domestic violence...

It is therefore ordered, that all officers and other persons in the United States Military Service, within the State of South Carolina, and assist Governor PERRY in carrying into effect the foregoing instructions, and they are enjoined to abstain from, in any way, hindering, impeding or discouraging the loyal people of the State from the organization of a State Government, as hereinabove authorized and directed.

All orders and instructions now in operation throughout this Department, whether emanating from these Headquarters, or from Headquarters Department of the South, that are inconsistent with the foregoing distinctly specified provisions of this order, will continue in force as heretofore, throughout the State of South Carolina.

Every needful facility for taking the Amnesty Oath will be afforded by the Military Authorities, on forms heretofore supplied for that purpose.

Hereafter Provost Marshals and Assistant Provost Marshals will constitute the only Military Officers entitled to administer the Amnesty Oath, a certified copy of which will in all cases, be furnished to the individual taking it. The original oaths will be transmitted, sealed by the officer administering them, to the Provost Marshal General at these Headquarters, by whom they will be recorded in a book kept for this purpose, and then forwarded to the Secretary of State.

Persons applying for executive clemency will send their petition (with a certified copy of the Amnesty Oath attached) to the Provost Marshal, through the Provisional Governor at Greenville, South Carolina.

By Command of MAJOR GENERAL Q. A. GILLMORE, Asst. Adj. Genl. T. D. HODGSON, Capt. 35th U. S. C. I. Aug. 8.

Head Qrs. Dept. of South Carolina.

HILTON HEAD, S. C., July 23, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS No. 4.

The final statements of men discharged the service of the United States, are frequently so full of errors, through the ignorance, or carelessness, of company officers, as to seriously prejudice the pay of the soldier. These errors have become so frequent of late, as to call for stringent measures to prevent the possibility of their recurrence in the future.

All information necessary for the prompt payment of the soldier by the Paymaster, must appear on the final statements. They should show when the clothing account of the soldier was last settled, or that it never was settled; also, the amount of clothing drawn since last settlement, or date of enlistment, as the case may be.

Great care should be taken to see that bounties due to colored soldiers, who are by law entitled to the same, but who have never received any of the installments, especially the first which should have been paid by the Mustering Officer at the time of muster into the service, and all bounties due on whatsoever account, are particularly noted; also, the amount of all bounties that have been paid.

Care must also be taken that both final statements given to the soldier are exactly alike in every particular.

On the final statements of a colored soldier, not a slave April 19th, 1861, this remark must be clearly stated, "Free on or before the 19th of April, 1861," (vide General Orders No. 120, series 1864; Headquarters, Department of the South.)

Any officer, in future, who is known to give a discharged soldier an incorrect, or incomplete, final statement, will be arrested and tried before a Court Martial for neglect of duty.

By Command of MAJ. GEN. Q. A. GILLMORE, W. L. M. BURGER, Asst. Adj. Genl. Aug. 1.

Head Qrs. Department of South Carolina. HILTON HEAD, S. C., July 22, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS, No. 3.

The following General Order from the War Department, is hereby published for the information of this command: WAR DEPARTMENT, ADJUTANT GENERAL'S OFFICE, Washington, July 8, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS, No. 122.

Headquarters Department of the South.

HILTON HEAD, S. C., June 27, 1865. GENERAL ORDERS, No. 102.

With a view to establish and preserve good order, settle disputes, encourage industry, compel obedience to laws and orders and educate the poor; the following rules and regulations are hereby established, and will be put in operation throughout this Department with as little delay as practicable:

I. District Commanders will divide their commands into sub-districts of suitable size, each comprising one or more counties, parishes or congressional districts. To each sub-district they will assign a commanding officer, (with a suitable number of troops) an Assistant Provost Marshal, and an Assistant Provost Judge. A permanent Provost Guard will be placed under the immediate orders of the Assistant Provost Marshal.

II. Within each sub-district Superior Provost Courts, and Circuit Provost Courts, composed of not more than three members each, shall be held at stated times and places. The superior and circuit provost courts to have concurrent jurisdiction over all cases as hereinafter specified that can be properly tried before them.

III. The Superior Provost Courts shall be held at important points and at stated times, within the sub-district, and shall be presided over by one of the members of the Superior Provost Court, designated by the sub-district commander for that purpose. The president of the Circuit Provost Court may associate with him one or two loyal citizens or magistrates, whose names shall be approved by the sub-district commander.

IV. Circuit Provost Courts shall be held at important points and at stated times, within the sub-district, and shall be presided over by one of the members of the Superior Provost Court, designated by the sub-district commander for that purpose. The president of the Circuit Provost Court may associate with him one or two loyal citizens or magistrates, whose names shall be approved by the sub-district commander.

V. The courts above named shall have power to try all cases between citizens and soldiers, and all crimes and all violations of military orders and the laws of the United States which do not come within the jurisdiction of a court martial, and to issue the usual process for the attendance of witnesses, and decrees for the possession of property, and for the payment of debts, damages and costs. The decrees will go only to the right of possession and not of property. They may impose fines not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100), and imprisonment not exceeding two months. Offences by citizens requiring a severe punishment, will be tried by a military commission. They will appoint their clerks and other officers, shall keep a record of their proceedings subject to the revision of sub-district and higher commanders, and will adopt rules and forms of procedure, which shall be as simple as possible. Citizen members of courts may be allowed three dollars for each day's attendance. The fees charged will be merely sufficient to pay all expenses.

VI. Appeals from the Provost Courts will be had to the sub-district and district commanders, under such rules and on such terms as the district commanders may provide.

VII. All parties to suits before the Superior or Circuit Provost Courts may employ counsel. But all persons bringing suit or appearing as counsel before said courts, as well as the citizen members of said courts, will be required to give proof that they have taken the oath of allegiance.

VIII. It is the duty of the military authorities throughout this Department, when called upon to do so, to aid the assistant commissioners and agents of the "Bureau of Refugees, Freedmen and Abandoned Lands," in the execution of their duties under the laws of the United States and the orders of the commissioner of said Bureau issued in accordance therewith; and, when there is no such assistant commissioner or agent upon the spot, to take cognizance themselves of all violations of such laws and orders. All cases of such violation may be tried before the courts hereinabove authorized.

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