

...the first... loses a chance...
 ...of a mistake.
 ...and assumption of
 the... of the rebel army, the
 ...operations has been changed.
 ...now the order. He is carrying
 ...plan of prosecuting the cam-
 paign. He well knows the strength of his
 antagonist and that antagonist's tenacity of
 purpose and resourcefulness. And knowing
 these, he is at this moment gathering the scat-
 tered forces of the rebel domain into one com-
 pact whole, with the intention of deciding the
 fate of his cause at or near Richmond.
 There, upon the already blood-soaked soil of
 the Old Dominion, will be fought the Waterloo
 of the rebellion.

Shannon's victories are almost entirely an
 opposed raid from Chattanooga to Atlanta,
 thence to Savannah, Charleston and Columbia,
 with whatever of devastation he may have
 created here, in the least disconcerted Lee.
 If any father be considered part and parcel of
 his plan. And when the true history of affairs
 at the South is known, it will be found
 that Charleston, Columbia and Wilmington
 were evacuated only that the rebel Commander
 might withdraw all the available
 forces stationed at those garrisons, to be incor-
 porated with the army around Richmond.

It is useless to speak of the rebel's combinations
 and treacherous schemes, of which we are
 fully reminded by the army correspondents and
 the telegrams. These varied combinations and
 that wonderful strategy of which we have
 heard so much, have been capturing Richmond
 every day for the last six months. Yet the
 beleaguered city is not from our grasp as
 when our armies under Sherman were driven
 from the Peninsula, "to the Richmond!" but
 never into it. With the record of the last
 attempt, repeating in the spring, and as yet
 unrecorded from the Herald, through the awful
 onslaught of the Wilderness, and to the present
 season a heavy rain of projectiles have been lost,
 the ground around it has been laid low in torrents,
 the people around it have been made desolate, and
 the hearts of the people here, in order
 to see the city of the South might have the
 same fate.

...the... of a Gene-
 ...and whatever
 ...dered into, cares
 ...of his soldiers as he does
 ...who would have
 ...to accomplish a
 ...administration have
 ...never.

...the... month, Rich-
 ...it was about to be
 ...
 ...still is held by
 ...wonders, but it
 ...and buried
 ...Demon-

...of an imposing character were made
 ...being made daily, with the same re-
 sult—a loss of life and no good accomplished.

But matters are approaching a crisis. Be-
 fore many weeks, the last grand and decisive
 battle will have begun. The preliminaries are
 being rapidly arranged.

Such a contest as this will be, the world has
 never witnessed, for upon it depends the fate of
 the country. In that battle, should we suffer a
 defeat, it will be overwhelming, and all the
 advantages we have gained in the past six
 months will be as worthless as the bubble rep-
 utations they have made. If Lee is defeated, he
 still has the interior in which to once more
 rally his scattered legions, and concentrate for
 defence, if not for attack.

From all the outer garrisons and troop de-
 pots, the rebel army at the capital is being
 augmented. Silently but surely the storm is
 gathering. Let us not be too sanguine of suc-
 cess. It may be that the rebel General will
 make it a Waterloo for us, while upon him
 through the smoke of that day's battle will
 shine the sun of a second day's Austerlitz. Lee
 will not throw away a single chance. He is
 not the man of lost opportunities. Had Lee
 had command of our armies at the onset of the
 war, we verily believe the rebellion would have
 been crushed in less than eight months. But
 we had only such second-rate undertakers as
 Burnside and Hooker, Butler and Pope.

Let us trust that our Lieutenant General may
 be thoroughly prepared for the conflict; that
 when the conflict comes, our immense plurality
 of men may not be driven to their deaths in
 vain attempts to accomplish an impossible pur-
 pose, and that for once our leaders may be
 equal to their Herculean task.

State of South Carolina,
 COLUMBIA, MARCH 28, 1865.
 I HEREBY constitute and appoint JOHN
 ASHURST my attorney during my ab-
 sence from the State. A. L. SOLOMON.
 Witness: JAS. G. GIBBS. -April 4 1*

Headquarters.
 COLUMBIA, S. C., March 31, 1865.
 SPECIAL ORDER NO. —Copy.
 JOHN CARSTEN is hereby appointed Acting
 Provost Marshal of this city until further
 orders. He will be obeyed and respected ac-
 cordingly. By order
 A. F. RUDLER, Col. Command'g.
 W. J. MEALING, A. A. G. -April 4 1*

Headquarters,
 PROVOST MARCHAL'S OFFICE,
 COLUMBIA, April 3, 1865.
 ANY person residing in this city having
 FIRE-ARMS, (muskets or guns,) are re-
 quested to hand them in to these headquarters,
 as they are to be used for their own protection
 All muskets given to citizens by the Mayor are
 required to be returned to this office.
 JOHN L. J. JOHN CARSTEN, A. P. M.

Hoop Skirts Repaired.
 APPLY AT MRS. C. LOOMIS',
 On Pendleton St., Opposite S. C. College Hospital.
 April 4

Lead! Lead!
 MANY persons have thoughtlessly taken
 LEAD from the late Arsenal here, under
 the impression that the Government would not
 need or claim it. Except food, nothing is now
 so important to our armies, as all importations
 of it are now cut off, and no substitute for it
 can be found. I therefore respectfully but ear-
 nestly appeal to all who have any of the Lead
 lately at the C. S. Arsenal here, to return it to
 me at once, for our soldiers will put it to much
 better use than citizens can.
 April 4 3* J. T. TREZEVANT, Major, &c.

Notice is Hereby Given
 THAT three months after publication hereof,
 application will be made to the Charlotte
 and South Carolina Railroad Company for the
 renewal of their Bond No. 284, for \$500, dated
 Columbia, July 20, 1852, signed John A. Brad-
 ley, Treasurer, Edward G. Palmer, President.
 Also, for the renewal of their Bond No. 285, for
 \$500, bearing the like date and signed by the
 same Treasurer and President.
 Application will also be made at the same
 time to the South Carolina Railroad Company
 for the renewal of their Bond No. 176, for \$500,
 dated Charleston, October 1, 1853, and signed
 J. R. Emery, Secretary, John Caldwell, Presi-
 dent. The foregoing bonds are my property,
 and were stolen or destroyed by the enemy
 during their recent sack of Columbia.
 April 4 1865* ROBERT N. LEWIS.

DR. P. MELVIN COHEN,
 DRUGGIST,
 HAS re-opened, at his residence in Pickens
 street, at the head of Lady street, and
 offers for sale:
 QUININE, CHLOROFORM,
 LONDON CALOMEL and BLUE MASS.
 GLYCERINE, SUPER CARB. SODA,
 CATHARTIC PILLS, &c.
 ALSO,
 LOW'S BROWN WINDSOR SOAP.
 LONDON TOOTH BRUSHES.
 COLEMAN'S MUSTARD.
 CORN STARCH, LEAD PENCILS,
 Imported Briar Root Pipes,
 Ste. Pens, Hair Pins, Playing Cards,
 "Safe Fire" Matches, warrant'd.
 Shoe Blacking, Wool Cards,
 Agate Buttons, Memorandum Books, &c.
Brown Sugar.
 AND
 HAVANA SEGARS and SPERM CANDLES.
 Dr. C. is expecting a supply of Medicines,
 when he will be prepared to put up prescrip-
 tions. PICKENS STREET,
 April 4 1* At the head of Lady street.