

Saturday Morning, April 8, 1866.

**Evacuation of Richmond.**

Have for the debilitating moral effects of this evacuation, the loss of Richmond to the cause of the Confederacy is a very small matter. It should have been abandoned long ago, and as soon as it was found that the policy of the enemy made them resolutely sit down before it with a force which, if insufficient for its capture by arms, was yet sufficient to paralyze the activity of Lee and this army in all other quarters; and this only for the retention of a region stripped of food, which we could only supply from a distance and at great expense and delay, and where an open, ample and spacious water here was afforded to the enemy, leaving him free to a descent at any unexpected moment. A worse situation for our armies could not well be found, and it should have been abandoned twelve months ago. Beyond the capture of the Confederate capital, Eastern Virginia held forth no temptations to the enemy, in desolated fields and plundered dwellings. It certainly held forth no sufficient motive to us for its retention, when the country had to supply the army and people at such a great distance and ever such an expensive tract of railway. The removal of Johnston and the desire to hold Richmond, beyond all necessity and reason, have subjected the States of Georgia and South and North Carolina to the terrible ordeal of fire through which they have already partly passed. Had the Government removed to Columbia when it removed the Treasury Department hither; evacuated Richmond then; relieved Lee's army of the necessity of that patient dog-watch which they have been so long keeping up for the protection of a precinct which was utterly useless for all military purposes, and only to be regarded for its prestige as a capital and in the eyes of European States; Sherman would never have been able to make a triumphant progress from Atlanta, via Savannah, through South and North Carolina, to his shipping at Wilmington—if, indeed, he has succeeded in getting there, as reported. Briefly, however, we attach no military or strategical importances to the events which have led to the evacuation of Richmond, or to the loss of that position. Politically, the effect will be any, as our cause abroad; and ac-

cially and morally, at home, it will cause any number of lugubrious aspects among thousands who would be equally afflicted, if told that we had lost our cities of Kamtschatka and Tinian. What next move is to follow on our military chess-board, we will not undertake to divine. We may add, that our telegraphic advices lack too much in perspicuity and fullness to satisfy any thinking party. We must wait on what to-morrow shall bring forth.

President Davis takes a right view of the results of the evacuation of Richmond. We have said elsewhere, that, in our opinion, it should have been evacuated long ago, and that we should not have waited till this became a military necessity. The cheerful tone of President Davis is highly becoming; of course, he can deal only in generalities, and these must suffice; of the future *modus operandi* he should say nothing, and we certainly have nothing to say. But so long as the armies of Lee, Johnston and others are intact, they will speak, and we trust to the purpose. God still rules in heaven.

**THE DAILY PHOENIX**—On and after Monday next, the 10th instant, the *Phoenix* will be published daily. Subscription price \$20 per month. The paper will be promptly delivered by carriers to city subscribers. The tri weekly edition will also be issued for country circulation, at \$10 per month.

**Married.**

In Columbia, on the 4th of April, by the Rev. Mr. Conner, Mr. STEPHEN GRUBER to Miss MARIE LOUISE GILLES.

**Funeral Invitation.**

The friends and acquaintances of Mr. W. T. STROTHER and family, and of P. Boffill and family, are invited to attend the funeral of the former, from the residence of the latter, on Assembly street, near Lumber, THIS MORNING, at 10 o'clock.

**Public Meeting.**

THE citizens of Columbia are requested to attend a meeting in the Odd Fellow's School Room, on MONDAY next, April 10, at 12 o'clock. T. J. GOODWYN, Mayor.

**Wagons for Augusta.**

TWO WAGONS can be chartered for Augusta on application at this office. April 8

**For Sale,**

FIVE NEW DOORS—well seasoned, made before the war—7 feet by 14 inches in thickness. Can be seen at JOHN ALEXANDER'S Foundry. April 8 2\*

**Practical Business Instruction.**

THE undersigned will prepare youths for business by a course of practical instruction, such as the pupil would acquire if actually engaged in business pursuits. Particular attention will be paid to Writing, Arithmetic, Book-keeping, &c.

Mrs. Pelot's Writing Class meets daily (excepting Saturdays) at 4 o'clock p. m. Apply at the S. C. College Campus, South side, Ward B. April 8 1\* S. E. PELOT.

**A Card.**

WILL continue to attend to sales of FURNITURE, MERCHANDIZE, REAL ESTATE and STOCKS, at Private Sale and at Auction. Liberal advances made upon all articles sent to me for sale. For the present, apply at my residence, Bridge street.

Orders left with Mr. D. C. PEIXOTTO, at Mr. Walter's residence, next to Shiver House, will be promptly attended to. April 8 FRANCIS LANCE.

**JUST RECEIVED ON CONSIGNMENT**

AND FOR SALE BY

**H. SOLOMON.**

TWO HUNDRED pair COTTON CARDS. 500 lbs. fine SMOKING TOBACCO. 25 boxes fine CHEWING TOBACCO. April 8 2

**PROVISIONS, &C.**

JUST received a fresh supply of PROVISIONS, viz

- 800 lbs. No. 1 FLOUR.
- 750 lbs. choice BACON—Hams, Shoulders and Sides.
- 800 lbs. prime LARD.
- 55 doz FRESH EGGS.
- 60 lbs. TALLOW CANDLES.
- BUTTER, DRIED APPLES.
- ONIONS and PINDARS.
- Also, BROWN SUGAR.
- COOKING SODA, BLACK PEPPER.

ON HAND,

- Camphor, Flax Thread,
- Borax, Black Sewing Silk,
- Saltpetre, Briar Root Pipes,
- Hartshorn, Smoking Tobacco,
- Nutmegs, India Rubber Tobacco Bags,
- Lamp Wicks, Toilet Soap,
- Sissors, Pens and Pen Handles,
- Lead Pencils, Writing Paper,
- Ink Stands, English Tooth Brushes,
- Envelopes, Pantaloons and Agate Buttons.

Also, few pairs Ladies' Shoes. Small lot Dressing Combs. Apply ASSEMBLY STREET, One door from corner of Pendleton street. April 8 1\*