

Local Items.

The office of the *Columbia Phoenix* is on Gates street, second door from Plain.

We are indebted to Col. A. F. Rudler and J. E. Meiser, Esq., for Augusta papers of the 25th and the 26th. In these "no mail times," such favors are highly appreciated.

THE CRY IS "STILL THEY COME!"—Another lovely bouquet of roses, this morning, for the editorial offices. This time, brought us by one of the masculine gender. Still, we do not doubt, from the variety and freshness of the flowers, that they were gathered by fair hands, and bore with them the benison of some fair damsel. Blessings upon her bright eyes and loving heart.

And here is the "Soldier's Comfort," in another packet, for the editorial department, the flavor of which proves the friend sending it to be not simply a lawyer, but a judge. He may come to a recognition of his rights to a seat upon the bench, in the course of legislative events. So mote it be, and we trust he will duly prepare himself for it. He has provided us that our puff shall not be wanting. We shall "blow a cloud" in his honor, while his honor is waiting for his gown.

AUCTION AND COMMISSION.—In this day of small things, in our poor old town of Columbia, every additional effort of enterprise demands recognition; and we must give our voice of cheer when we beheld any new banner hung out upon the walls. Messrs. Zealy & Scott, as our readers will see, have gone into cahoot, as auctioneers, brokers and commission merchants, having their office on Assembly, between Washington and Plain streets. See their advertisement.

We also note that, in the same precinct, Mr. F. Eugene Durbec has also hung out his shingle and called upon customers. He does not object to them in any number. We trust that these several parties will have no reason to regret their efforts, like our own *Phoenix*, to rise up from the ashes, the pioneers of progress to a brighter day, which shall usher in the full restoration of the good city to her ancient glory.

APPRECIATION OF NEWSPAPERS.—We have reason to complain of some one of those interesting friends who visit our office to read our exchange papers. It is frequently the case that the reader, not content to read, goes off, without beat of drum, and with the newspaper in his pocket! He thus not only deprives us of the satisfaction we should really feel in gratifying the curiosity of other readers, but interferes with our own duties—denying us the opportunity of republishing from them the extracts which we proposed to give in our own issues. Besides this, the Augusta papers, taken from our office yesterday, by some one of these self-indulgent visitors, were borrowed, and their loss subjects us to the mortifying necessity of excusing ourselves, as we can, to the obliging gentlemen who lent them. In such a case as this, the stealing of a newspaper is something like the commission of an abomination—it is the meanest form of petty larceny.

How to Enjoy Good Things.—Do not neglect the green peas when you are sitting down to your mutton. Do not neglect your friend when you are prepared to put both upon table. Nothing so much contributes to indigestion, to say nothing of moral evils, as to monopolize the good things of this life, while riding in your sulky. Take the creature comforts always in a "sociable," and you will have good dreams by night.

ABUSE OF CHARITY.—We are told, by persons in authority, that the charities of State and city are greatly abused by the number of persons getting free tickets for provisions, while they have abundant means to purchase. This is very shocking. It is briefly the robbery of the poor; and it is the duty of every good citizen, having a knowledge of the ability to pay of the *professing paupers*, to report his facts to the authorities. The State and city are at great expense in procuring provisions for the destitute. They cannot continue long to do so if the professional sponge is to absorb a large share of the public bounty. It is suggested that, as a proper first step to the detection of the fraudulent among these applicants, a full list of the persons on the free list be made out and published; so that every person in the community may be able to know how far they properly put in their claims.

FOR THE TOILET.—The season of shrubs and odors has fairly set in, and why should not some of our ladies, some one of those noble creatures of the tender gender, who possess character, address themselves to the work of distilling for the toilet! The still necessary for the purpose is very simple, and waters from odorous shrubs and flowers, from almost every flower that buds and blooms, can be extracted from the lovely idiots with which nature adorns the garden. Resolve, and patience, intelligence and a little knowledge of pharmaceutical chemistry, which may be derived from almost any practising physician or college professor, will suffice. You may have rose, lavender, orange and other waters in any quantity for your own use or for sale. The wild vanilla will give you an exquisite article, and so will the kernel of the pear! There are many others. Now, we beg to add, that humanity of whatever gender, is only to be valued and respected according to its degree of usefulness, and the damsel who can neither play nor sing, may yet make the chamber a fountain of grateful sweets.

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Zealy & Scott,
Auctioneers, Brokers and Commission Merchants.

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The following official confirmation of the death of Lincoln, we take from the *Raleigh Progress*, now published within the lines of the enemy:

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIV. OF THE MISS.,
In the field, Raleigh, April 27, 1865.
Special Order No. 50.

The General commanding announces, with pain and sorrow, that on the evening of the 11th inst., at the theatre in Washington city, his Excellency the President of the United States, Mr. Lincoln, was assassinated by one who uttered the State motto of Virginia. At the same time, the Secretary of State, Mr. Seward, whilst suffering from a broken arm, was also stabbed by another murderer, in his own house, but still survives, and his son was wounded, supposed fatally.

It is believed by persons capable of judging, that other high officers were designed to share the same fate. Thus it seems that our enemy, despairing of meeting us in manly warfare, begins to resort to the assassin's tools. Your General does not wish you to infer that this is universal, for he knows that the great mass of the Confederate army would scorn to sanction such acts; but he believes it the legitimate consequence of rebellion against rightful authority. We have met every phase which this war has assumed, and must now be prepared for it in its latest and worst shape—that of assassins and guerillas; but woe unto the people who seek to expend their wild passions in such a manner, for there is but one dread result. By order of
Maj. Gen. W. T. SHERMAN.

L. M. DAYTON, Major and A. A. G.

THE ANDERSONVILLE PRISONERS.—We learn that the Yankee prisoners who were at Andersonville, Ga., numbering 3,200, were sent to Florida to be exchanged. The Federal authorities refused to receive them, and they were brought back and sent to Macon, supposing that place was still in our possession. They are now in the hands of the Federal commander at that place.

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