

Local Items.

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

A BEAUTIFUL BOUQUET.—Columbia, before the fire, was emphatically the city of flowers. Her gardens gave to her streets the aspects of the orient. Her soil was especially adapted to their cultivation. And now, when, as if holding forth a promise from the ruins, encouraging to hope, every bush is crowded as with a glory, every stem as with a jewel, and with a thousand varieties of gems shining through a glossy and velvety setting of green, one almost forgets that there is sorrow in the land. Thanks to the fair ladies who, in the beautiful bouquet sent us yesterday, carry us back to sweet memories of a home, very precious in its sweetness; and thus make us forgetful of all save that God sends us bloom and beauty through such hands as add largely to the blessing in the gift, and take from thought all the thorns of sorrow.

From Richmond.

We take the following selections from the *Richmond Whig*:

The steamers, for the North leave the old landing at Rocketta at 6 a. m. and 2 p. m. daily.

The Libby Prison contained, yesterday, upwards of 3,000 Confederate prisoners—military, political and civil, but they are being released as fast as the papers necessary to their conditions of release can be made out.

The Castle is used as a receptacle for prisoners committed upon serious charges and deserters from the Federal service.

GRANT AND HIS GENERALS.—Mr. Brady, the New York photographer, has been absent at City Point for several days, engaged in photographing Lieut. Gen. Grant, his staff and generals, previous to their separation to different departments.

All prisoners of war are sent direct from Richmond to City Point as soon as received; none but citizen prisoners and civilians are delivered here, and so rapidly are they taking the oath that the blank forms have run out, being used faster than they can be supplied by the printer.

From all the information that we have been able to gather upon the subject, we are led to believe that the extensive coal mines at Chesterfield County have been left intact by the authorities, and that these extensive deposits are ready to be worked by their present proprietors, to the great advantage of Richmond, the coming winter.

TO THE PEOPLE OF RICHMOND AND ITS VICINITY. The inhabitants of the various counties near Richmond are hereby informed that no difficulty will be made in admitting them to bring market wares to this city. They are invited to commence their ordinary traffic at once, and assured of protection in passing to and fro within the lines of the United States forces.

The citizens of Richmond and shop keepers and others are also requested to resume their ordinary avocations as speedily as possible. It is the wish and intention of the military authorities to protect all good and peaceable citizens, and to restore, in as great a measure as may be practicable, the former prosperity of the city. No molestation by soldiers or others will be allowed, if possible, to any who are engaged in peaceful pursuits.

Orders will be issued to military commanders in conformity with the above announcement.

By command of Maj. Gen. ORD.
ADAM BARRAD, Lieut. Col. U. S. A.

GREENBACKS.—United States Treasury notes are selling in Augusta at ninety for one.

Northern Items.

It is asserted that President Davis sent a friend to Grant's headquarters to obtain permission to leave the country, he giving a pledge never to re-enter it. *Credat Judeus!*

It is said that Secretary Trenholm owned an interest in thirty-seven blockade runners, and in connection with others, had amassed twenty millions in gold, all of which is safely deposited in Europe. We take for granted that the Secretary would like this assertion to be made susceptible of proof.

The United States ship-of-war *Niagara*, presuming at Portugal as another ship of war had done in the case of Brazil, was fired upon by the forts at Lisbon. This has put the enemy in a rage, and the honor of the flag is another cause of excitement.

Hon. Montgomery Blair, late Postmaster-General, announces through the *St. Louis* papers that he has returned to the practice of law. He limits his sphere of business to the General Land Office, the Court of Claims and Supreme Court.

The *Richmond Whig* says: "The Provost Marshal's office is crowded with people anxious to take the oath of allegiance, and the only question among citizens seems to be who shall be first to secure their citizenship."

The United States navy is at once to be reduced. A portion of the regular navy vessels are to be laid up. The merchantmen used in the service are to be sold.

Four hundred and fifty Confederate officers, including Gen. Ewell, arrived in Washington April 14.

Northern papers say that, when Lee evacuated Richmond, the Virginia troops refused to leave Virginia.

The Confederate ram *Albemarle*, sunk some time since at Plymouth, N. C., has been raised.

Drafting has been discontinued in the Southern part of the State of New York.

Butler has announced that he soon intends to resign his commission.

Grant visited Washington in order to stop the war movements and save money to the United States Government.

We learn that Col. Robert Ould, Confederate Commissioner of Exchange, Lieut. Col. Wm. H. Hatch, his assistant, President Bullock, of the Southern Express Company, and H. A. Hamilton, the agent, were captured within General Grant's lines, driving in a wagon, they having driven into the lines by mistake. Upon discovering their error, they surrendered. The prisoners were brought to Richmond under guard, and were liberated on their parole on Thursday afternoon, we understand.

EVACUATION OF MOBILE.—We are informed that two officers have reached Atlanta, who left Mobile recently, the city being in course of evacuation at the time of their departure. The fall of Mobile was hastened by the capture of Spanish Fort, the leading point of defence for the city, which was surrendered, together with its garrison of 2,200 men.

ARRIVAL OF FEDERAL OFFICERS.—Last evening Gen. Long, of the Federal army, accompanied by his staff, under the escort of Capt. Marcey of Gen. Howell Cobb's staff, reached this city en route for Savannah, whither they proceed by permission of Gen. Johnston, on a mission which promises to be beneficial to ourselves as well as to the enemy.

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The blockade runner *Banshee*, with one thousand bales of cotton, arrived at Nassau on the 20th ult., from Galveston. She reports Galveston garrisoned by 1,200 troops. Twelve Federal ships were off the bar. Six steamers had sailed recently from Havana for Galveston.

From the accounts published in Northern papers, it is evident that there is a difficulty brewing between the United States and Mexico. The Empire has again been insulted by the United States Government by the recognition of a minister of the Republic at San Francisco.

GREAT BRITAIN.—The revenue returns for the financial year, ending March 21, show a net increase of £104,000 on the year. Notwithstanding the great reductions in taxation, the revenue exceeds by nearly half a million sterling the estimates of Mr. Gladstone.

The Bank of England, on the 20th ult., reduced its rate of discount to 4 per cent., at which there is a fair demand for money. This movement strengthened the English funds, and consols are buoyant and advancing.

Northern papers state that the greatest subscriptionists in Richmond are the very men who made immense fortunes during the war, out of bomb proofs of the Confederate Government, with especial privileges attached.

San Francisco has at last issued \$40,000 in bonds to aid the construction of the Pacific Railroad. About 1,800 men are at work on the road.

The loss by the late floods in different parts of the State of Pennsylvania is estimated by engineers, architects and agriculturists as fully reaching \$10,000,000.

The people of Kentucky are hunting down guerrillas with such zeal that the business is pretty much stopped.

Sugar is sold at \$16 a pound in Augusta.

Found,

A LADIES' GOLD BROOCH. Apply in Henderson street, by Methodist College. April 29

A Young Lady,

WHO is capable of teaching the English Branches and Mathematics, desires a SITUATION as TEACHER, either in a small school or private family. Good references given, if required. Address "L. B. B.," Lexington C. H., S. C. April 29 sw4

Wanted to Hire,

A GOOD WASHER; to assist also in cooking. A white one preferred. To one well recommended, liberal wages and a permanent situation secured. Apply at this office. April 29

Ranaway,

FROM the subscriber, a NEGRO MAN, his WIFE, with two CHILDREN. The man is about five feet high—the woman six; the latter may be known by a bald or naked place on the head. Of the children, the eldest is a boy of little more than two years; the other a girl, a little more than one. The complexion of the man and woman is inclined to yellow; that of the youngest child very light. ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS reward is offered for their apprehension. Address

REV. T. HENDRIX,
Columbia, S. C.

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Shoes for Sale,

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Office on Assembly Street, between Washington and Plain Streets.

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