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Description of Jeff. Davis and Party.

A correspondent of the New York Herald, on the steamer W. H. Clyde, writes:

THE PERSONNEL OF THE PRISONERS.
Jeff. Davis, of whom we of the North have heard so much and seen so little for the past four years, is a man about six feet in height, rather lean, and not of the finest figure by any means. I should take him to be somewhat above fifty years of age, prematurely grey. He has full whiskers, rather stunted in growth, and like his hair, sprinkled with grey. His grey eyes (one of which is blind) have an undefined and unfathomable look, and his mouth, of the Grecian mould, is occasionally jerked out of all proportion by a sepulchral laugh or forced smile. He is confined to his bed a great deal of the time, and it requires all the nursing of his strong-nerved wife to keep him from giving way to despondency. He is a pitiful sight, and the last man one would have supposed to be a fit subject for the Presidential honors.

MRS DAVIS AND CHILDREN.
Mrs. Davis is the second wife of the ex-President, by whom he has had four children. The eldest is a smart little black-eyed girl, Maggie, of some fourteen summers, and the next a boy, of about twelve or thirteen, who goes by the euphonious cognomen of "Young Jeff." He is a chip from the old block, and we would suppose from his actions and temper, shown on various and sundry occasions, that he too, like his traitorous sire, would in after days be fit for "treason, stratagem and spoils." The next is a smart little fellow, with bright eyes and flaxen hair, too young to have the least appreciation of his condition, and the fourth is a nursing child. Mrs. Davis is a member of the Howell family, of Georgia, and has a great many relatives at Augusta. She is a pretty woman, of probably forty years of age. When I first saw her, at Macon, and conversed with her on the cars, I thought her pretty and agreeable; but to look at her now it seems as though twenty years had been heaped upon her head in one short week. Her pride and vivacity have forsaken her, and truly she is but the wreck of her former self.

MISS HOWELL,
Her sister, is a young lady hardly out of her teens, if we are to judge from her appearance. She has black hair and black eyes, with a ruddy complexion, and very little of that modest demeanor which characterizes our Northern belles. In fact, she is coarse—coarse in feature and coarse in demeanor. This is not much to her detriment, however, as her future prospects are not well calculated to develop the finer qualities of a high-bred lady. She is affianced to Lieut. Hathaway, one of the prisoners.

Having thus hurriedly sketched the outlines of the Davis family, I will leave the imaginations of my readers to fill in the background and supply the lights and shades, and proceed to portray the personnel of the other notables.

ALEXANDER H. STEPHENS,
The rebel Vice-President, is one of the most singular men in appearance you will meet with in a life-time. I should take him to be about five feet six inches in height, and almost as slim as a skeleton. He appears to be nothing but skin, bone and cartilage, and is so feeble as to be hardly able to

move about. His face is entirely devoid of beard, and his lips extremely thin. He is what is commonly termed lantern-jawed, and has a high smooth forehead. His eyes are bright, but, after looking at them straight during a somewhat lengthy conversation, I am unable to say what color they really are. He was dressed in plain black clothing, and wears a heavy gold fob chain. The amber stem of his meerschaum-pipe is always seen, either in his mouth or protruding from his vest pocket. He conversed very freely about the events of the past four years. He maintains that he was always in favor of the Union and opposed to secession, though he advocates the inherent right of a State to withdraw from the Union under the Constitution. He vindicates his course in accepting the Vice-Presidency of the Confederacy, by saying that he did so in order to prevent the horrors of disorganized warfare, and to try to bring about reconstruction. He is not on good terms with Davis, and I have not seen them exchange words during the trip. Both keep their state rooms closely, and neither seems to pay much attention to what is transpiring around them. The next character of note in the programme is the late

POSTMASTER GENERAL REGAN.
This individual was formerly a representative in Congress from Texas, and endeavored to make himself notorious on the State Rights question, by challenging debate with several prominent Republican members. None, however, saw fit to indulge him, and he made but little reputation, except among the fire-eaters of his own State. Being a personal friend of Davis, and one of his chief co-workers in iniquity, he received the appointment of Postmaster-General, in which capacity he served until the rebel bubble burst. He then volunteered his services to pilot his lord and master through the country to Texas; and, after securing a shipment of most of the rebel funds (which he had for some time been converting into specie) in a blockade runner to Europe, for deposit, subject to his draft, he undertook his perilous journey. You are already apprised of the result. He is a thickset, black-haired, tawny man, such as the climate of Texas usually produces.

COLONEL LUBBOCK.
Was formerly Governor of Texas, but has been serving for some time as aid de camp to Davis, with rank of Colonel of Artillery. He is also a heavy set individual, with grey hair and imperial, and grey cold eyes. He is rather of a jovial disposition, however, and is disposed to take his captivity rather as a "joke" than otherwise.

COLONEL JOHNSON.
Occupied the same rank and position. He is a very tall, muscular man, and is also grey. He is much of the disposition of Lubbock, and the two pass much of their time playing cards or spinning yarns.

PRIVATE SECRETARY HARRISON.
Is a very good looking young man, and is very well informed on political matters. He does not, however, express an opinion openly on any topic connected with the defunct Confederacy, and is much reserved in his manner. He is very attentive to "the President," as he invariably calls him, and would consider it an honor to black his boots. This is all the Presidential cortege that I consider worthy of special mention, and so I will pass to

CLEMENT C. CLAY AND LADY.
I first met Mr. Clay and lady on the cars at Macon, and they both converse very freely. They are both very intelligent; but of the two, to use a common expression, the madame is the best man. I should take Clay to be about thirty-five years of age, and his wife about thirty. They were dressed plainly, but assumed an air of ostentation and superiority. Mrs. Clay jocularly remarked to Col. Pritchard and myself, that as she brought Mr.

Clay in, she should claim the reward offered for his arrest. They both talked a great deal about "political tricks" at Washington, and assumed to believe that his arrest was only a ruse to carry out the design of President Johnson for the gratification of personal vengeance.

MAJOR-GENERAL WHEELER,
Is hardly worthy of a special paragraph. He is a very ordinary looking individual, about thirty years of age, with light brown hair and hazel eyes. He was always the laughing-stock of our cavalry, who have so often placed him hors du combat, and since his capture the pettiness sticks out of his every feature, and is displayed in his every action. He shrinks like a whipped puppy from contact with his captors, and is seldom seen out of his room.

COLUMBIA AND HAMBURG R. R.—
One of the most important connections of the whole Southern Railroad system is that leading by a direct route from this city to Columbia. It will prove an artery of trade of invaluable account to the widest scope of country, as well as the immediate section of the State through which it passes. We hope that the General Government, which has heretofore displayed so fostering a hand towards the repairment of all Southern works of internal improvement, will not overlook this. They will find it of importance to themselves, as well as valuable to the community.

The Directory of the road are doing all they can to further the enterprise, but they need the assistance of the public authorities in the obtainance of the proper labor.

[Augusta Constitutionalist.
We do not dislike men so much when they are ruining themselves; it is only after they are ruined.

THADDEUS STREET,
AGENT of the New York and Charleston WEEKLY LINE OF STEAMERS, and GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANT, Charleston, S. C., will give attention to any business entrusted to his care.
June 17 46

MR. HENRY TIMROD
WILL open, during the first week in July, at his residence in Richland street, (between Bull and Marion,) a DAY SCHOOL FOR BOYS, in which the Ancient Languages, French and the usual English Branches will be taught.
June 15

LOST,
A PAIR of GOLD SPECTACLES. They were dropped at the back door of the Ration House, on the corner of Mr. C. A. Bedell's Lot. A reward will be paid to the finder, if required, with the thanks of the owner, who cannot well afford to lose them. Inquire of JOHN MCKENZIE, or leave them at this office.
June 18

Dwelling House for Sale.
ONE of the largest and best appointed DWELLING HOUSES in this city, with extensive and complete Stables and Servants' House, &c., for sale. Apply any day, between 1 and 3 o'clock, at the South-east corner of Marion and Lady streets, opposite the Presbyterian Church.
June 15

A. L. SOLOMON,
Second door above Shiver House, Plain St.,
General Commission Merchant
and Dealer in Foreign and
Domestic Merchandise
and Country Produce.

CONSIGNMENTS from manufacturers and planters will receive my usual prompt attention.
Just received and now in store:
2,000 lbs. clear BACON SIDES.
800 HAMS and SHOULDERS.
10 bbls. FLOUR.
100 bushels SALT.
CRUSHED SUGAR.
BROWN
Chewing and Smoking TOBACCO.
BAGGING TWINE.
ENGLISH AXES.
Bales HICKORY STRIPES.
" FANCY PANT STUFF.
" Colored DOMESTIC.
A. L. SOLOMON,
June 15 5 Commission Merchant.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

COUNTRY PRODUCE of all kinds will find READY SALE at the corner of Assembly and Plain streets. Full prices paid to those bringing in produce. Citizens will find on hand, at all times, a FULL SUPPLY of COUNTRY PRODUCE, at REASONABLE RATES.
HARDY SOLOMON,
June 14 6* At Lewis Levy's Corner.

City Taxes.

I WILL attend daily, from 9 a. m. to 12 m., at the Council Room, (formerly Odd Fellows' School-room,) for the purpose of collecting CITY TAXES. In view of the urgent necessities of the City Council, it is hoped that all tax-payers will be prompt.
A. G. BASKIN,
June 8 City Clerk.

GROCERIES,
DRY GOODS, &C., &C.
KENNETH & GIBSON,

At Robert Bryce's Old Stand,
A CHOICE ASSORTMENT of Goods, consisting in part of:
1,200 lbs. choice BACON.
7 bbls. FLOUR.
100 boxes No. 1 HERRINGS.
5 English Dairy CHEESE.
5 bbls. BUTTER CRACKERS.
5 boxes FAMILY SOAP.
5 " CORN STARCH.
6 doz. BROOMS.
500 yards pure Madder PRINTS.
500 " Checked English ALPACA.
100 " " CAMBRIC.
500 " superior LONGCLOTH.
ALSO,
COLOGNE, JELLIES, BLACKING.
Windsor Soap, Hair and Tooth Brushes.
Dressing and Fine Tooth Combs.
Sweet Oil, Gent's Paper Collars.
Sugars, Locks, Smoking Pipes.
And various other articles too numerous to mention.
June 12

Headq'r's Provisional Brigade,
COLUMBIA, S. C., JUNE 9, 1865.

To the Freedmen:
THE time has come for you all to do your best to show that you are fit to be free men in this great Republic. Observe sacredly the marriage tie. Learn to read and write. No one must leave his wife, children or aged parents while he can assist them. Thieves and idlers and people strolling about the country will be punished. Be prudent, and quiet, and orderly. If you have trouble, report it to the military authorities. This year you cannot do much more than get a living for yourselves and families; those will get the best pay next year who work the best now.

Let no one be either proud or ashamed of the form or color that God has given him. Be proud of the chance to do for yourselves and for each other.
(Signed.) A. S. HARTWELL,
June 10 Brevet Brigadier-General.

Headq'r's Provisional Brigade,
COLUMBIA, S. C., JUNE 9, 1865.

GENERAL ORDER NO. 12.
THE attention of this command is called to existing orders against marauding and foraging. Officers and men are farther ordered to avoid all unnecessary discussion on public matters with those who, after these years of blood and suffering, still do not acquiesce in the result of battle and in the policy of the General Government. Courtesy to all is the part of a soldier. Information will be given whenever desired. Sympathy for those in sorrow and affliction is felt by no one quicker than by the soldier; but no soldier can forget what he has fought for, and what his brothers have died to support—the Union, Constitution and laws and free Government—now, as the result of the war, accorded to all classes; nor can he forget the dignity of his Government and his own dignity as its representative, in dealing with those who now either secretly or openly scoff at those sacred principles. Contracts between masters and servants will set forth in words the freedom of the latter, and will be witnessed by a United States officer and by a civilian. It is for the interest of the people that these relations be amicably adjusted with delay. Cases of difficulty will be examined and tried by military authorities. No privileges or advantages whatsoever will be granted those who do not declare their allegiance to the United States Government, acting in good faith according to that declaration. This order will be published to the entire command.
By order of A. S. HARTWELL,
Brevet Brig. Gen.
Official: Geo. F. McKAY, 1st Lieut. and
A. A. G. June 9

Headq'r's United States Forces,
CITY OF COLUMBIA, S. C.,
MAY 27, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 4.
IN order to prevent any disturbance which may arise from the improper use of intoxicating liquors, it is hereby ordered that, for the present, no intoxicating liquors will be sold or given away to any citizen or soldier, unless permission is granted from these headquarters. Any one found guilty of disobeying this order, will not only have his goods confiscated, but will be subject to punishment by military law. By command of
Lieut. Col. N. HAUGHTON,
Commanding Post.
W. J. KYLE, Lieut. 25th O. V. V. I. and
Post Adjutant. may 29

Headq'r's United States Forces,
CITY OF COLUMBIA, S. C.,
MAY 27, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 3.
ALL citizens having in their possession any property that rightfully belongs to the United States Government, according to the terms of surrender of Gen. Jos. E. Johnston, C. S. A., to Gen. W. T. Sherman, U. S. A., will immediately report the same to these headquarters. Persons having mules, horses and wagons, will, for the present, be permitted to retain the same for the purpose of carrying on their work. Any person failing to comply with this order within a reasonable time, will not only be deprived of any further use of said property, but will also subject themselves to punishment by military authority. By command of
N. HAUGHTON,
Lieut. Col. 25th O. V. V. I.,
Com'dg City of Columbia, S. C.
W. J. KYLE, Lieut. 25th O. V. V. I. and
Post Adjutant. may 29

Headq'r's United States Forces,
CITY OF COLUMBIA, S. C.,
MAY 27, 1865.

GENERAL ORDERS NO. 2.
INFORMATION having been received at these headquarters of the existence of armed bands of marauders infesting the country and committing depredations on the property of peaceful citizens, it is hereby ordered that all persons composing such will be considered and treated as outlaws, and if caught, will receive the severest punishment of military law. The United States Government is desirous of protecting all peaceful and law-abiding citizens, and they will confer a favor on these headquarters, and do justice to themselves, by giving any information they may have in their possession respecting the names and movements of such bands, and, if possible, aiding in their capture. The time has arrived when it behooves every citizen to do all in his power to assist the military forces of the United States to restore peace and harmony throughout the land. By order of
Lieut. Col. N. HAUGHTON,
25th O. V. V. I., Com'dg U. S. Forces,
City of Columbia.
W. J. KYLE, 2d Lieut. 25th O. V. V. I.
and Post Adjutant. may 29

Headquarters, Northern District,
DEPARTMENT OF THE SOUTH,
CHARLESTON, S. C., April 25, 1865.

Circular to Planters, &c.
NUMEROUS applications have been made to me for information as to the policy to be adopted on the subject of labor. All can understand the importance of making a crop the present season, and foresee the misery and suffering consequent upon its failure. In the present unsettled state of the country, and in the absence of any recognized State authorities, I find it my duty to assume control of the plantations near the military lines, and order as follows:
1st. The planters, after taking the oath of allegiance, will assemble the freedmen (lately their slaves) and inform them that they are free, and that henceforth they must depend upon their own exertions for their support.
2d. Equitable contracts in writing will be made by the owners of the land with the freedmen for the cultivation of the land during the present year. Payment will be made in kind, and the allowance of one half the crop is recommended as fair compensation for the labor, the landlord furnishing subsistence until the crop is gathered.
These contracts will be submitted to the nearest military or naval commander for approval and endorsement. When the above requirements are complied with, protection will be granted as far as military necessity will allow; but where no contract is made, the crop raised will be considered forfeited for the use of the laborers. Should the owners refuse to cultivate it, they will be considered as endeavoring to embarrass the Government, and the land will be used for colonies of the freedmen from the interior.
JOHN P. HATCH,
June 1 Brg. Gen. Commanding.