

# COLUMBIA.

Saturday Morning, June 24, 1865.

## Restoration of Government.

We learn that Mr. Boyce has returned from his mission at Washington; that he saw and was well received by the President, who declared himself in a friendly and indulgent manner as regards the State, and expressed the desire to receive the early avowal of the people in favor of the restoration of the civil authority in the country. He only wants the general showing of the people to this effect to make the appointment of Provisional Governor, when the civil authority would take the place of the military. We have not seen or heard from Mr. Boyce in person, but these statements come to us from trustworthy sources. In respect to the popular movement in South Carolina, we need but add that, so far as we have any direct sources of information, we are led to the belief that the people are moving in every precinct to the same end. The Hon. Mr. Gibbes, Mayor of Columbia, will represent the Columbia committee of citizens in the presentation of their application for reconstruction.

An opportunity will be afforded our friends in the country, in a few days, of disposing of their beef cattle to advantage. Beef can be sold to the Commissary of the 1st Provisional Brigade, at Orangeburg or Columbia, on vouchers given by the Quartermaster, payable in cash at Orangeburg. From eight to ten cents per pound will be paid.

**MEETING OF ST. GEORGE'S.**—A meeting of the people of St. George's (Dorchester) was held on the 15th, at Ross' Station; R. J. Linehouse, Chairman, and J. M. Cantwell, Secretary. Resolutions were passed expressing the desire of the citizens to return to the United States; to request of the President the appointment of a Provisional Governor of the State, and humbly recommending the Hon. W. W. Boyce for this position. R. J. Linehouse and D. W. Shuler were nominated as delegates to a convention of the people of the State.

Three hundred colored members of the several Baptist Churches of Charleston, have formed a congregation of their own and to themselves, and style their church the "Morris Street Baptist Church of Charleston." Two of their number, licensed several years ago to preach—viz: Rev. Edward Lawrence and Jacob Legare—were ordained as Gospel ministers; while seven others—viz: Wm. Dart, Nelson Moore, Step Collins, Edward Carter, James Washington, Jac. Broughton and Beverly Carter—were chosen deacons.

The Israelites of Charleston have established a mutual association, which they call the Bicker Cholem—a name which, in our ignorance of the Hebrew, we are not prepared to make more intelligible to our readers. We presume that it covers a meaning of significant benevolence. The members elect are Morris Ehrlich, President; J. Meyer, Vice President; Joseph Levy, Treasurer; Lewis Alexander, First Justice; Victor Wolf, Second Justice; Philip Rich, Secretary.

A meeting of citizens of Orangeburg, with the view to reconstruction of the Union, passed the usual resolutions to this effect, and appointed a committee of twenty-five to draft, report and make petition to the President to restore the civil government. The people of Newberry and of other districts are preparing for the adoption of like measures.

The Rev. A. Toomer Porter, Pastor of the Church of the Holy Communion, at Charleston, has resumed the services of the church, and received the most joyous welcome from his flock.

The *Courier* reports another row in Charleston among the colored soldiers—the weapons being brick-bats only. Some of the leading jollies were arrested.

**PEOPLE'S BANK.**—The assets of this bank have reached Charleston in safety, and are confided to the familiar place of sepulture. The business of the bank has been removed, and the books are opened, and the officers ready for the reception of deposits.

The Sea Island Hotel, at Hilton Head, is opened for the reception of guests and visitors. It occupies the Eastern bank of Hilton Head Island.

**FOR THE NORTH.**—The steamship *Alhambra* left Charleston on the 17th for New York, taking some eighty passengers and a heavy freight in rice and cotton. Messrs A. F. Ravenel, D. E. McKay, Wm. Whaley, F. Richards, J. A. Yates, W. J. Gayer, J. H. Steinmyer, Rev. J. B. Seabrook and Edward North, ten of the Committee of citizens despatched to President Johnson, were among her passengers. She carried besides the following named parties, to say nothing of forty in the steerage; viz:

Wm. Laidler, George A. Stuart, Mrs. Eccleston, Miss Hubbard, Charles Eccleston, T. B. Spencer, Mrs. G. Santos, Mrs. Maggee, Mrs. Chamberlain, A. O. Stone and wife, Mrs. Wightman, Mrs. Lailenberger, A. B. Grey, W. C. Hart, C. H. Mitchell, S. Haight, N. P. Hall, E. O. Patten, C. D. Abrams and child, E. B. Hatchkiss, Mr. Farley, Capt. J. H. Moore, A. P. Pitman, C. H. West, Jr., Wm. A. Russell, wife and child, Miss M. Russell, Mrs. Sarah Russell, C. Wilson, Mrs. Kate Harris, Miss Horner, J. H. Taylor, J. T. Slack, E. M. Gilbert, J. M. Morgan, H. M. James, B. R. Estabrook, J. Hymen, Wm. Whaley, W. C. Swaffield, Rev. E. A. Bolles, J. A. Yates, W. A. Bull, B. Collins, James Russell, J. Pizo, J. M. Muller, A. Von Harten, J. W. McMillan, T. J. Moiser, Miss Alice Reilly, R. Douglas, J. A. Beman.

**AFFRAY ON THE CHARLESTON BATTERY.**—From the *Charleston Courier*, of the 19th, we learn that a sensational affair took place on the Battery the previous afternoon, which greatly enlivened the scene, even if it did not add to its pleasures. *Un gentelmeune d'Afrique*, rejoicing in newly made and richly colored wings, cavorted in some fashion at the expense of a lady of the Caucasian race. The sergeant, with four men on guard at the spot, ordered the sable gentleman to *vamosse*, and on his refusing to obey, proceeded to arrest him. Whereupon certain brethren came to his relief, and a general melee was the consequence. Brick-bats flew and blood flowed. Private Jesse Rayeur was badly wounded on the head, and sundry black and white civilians and soldiers also received the stab. The appearance of Gen. Hatch upon the scene arrested the conflict, which threatened no small amount of mischief.

**EX SENATOR TOOMBS.**—There was a report at Nashville that ex-Senator Toombs, of Georgia, escaping from his captors, but still hotly pursued, made his escape finally by suicide—having cut his own throat; but the report is doubtful, as we hear of it only through Baltimore.

**TAX ON COTTON.**—By a recent proclamation of President Johnson, the twenty-five per cent. tax on cotton has been removed. The export duty of three per cent. alone remains. In accordance with this proclamation, the Secretary of the Treasury has ordered the discontinuance of the United States purchasing agencies.

L. W. Spratt, Esq., Dr. J. S. Buist and Dr. S. Chalborne Brown, are announced in Charleston as recent arrivals, to the great satisfaction of their professional and personal friends.

**SECRETARY TRENHOLM.**—Secretary Trenholm left here 6 o'clock Saturday evening, on board the steamer Wm. P. Clyde, for Port Royal. It is believed he is to be confined in Fort Pulaski. The demonstrations of respect and sympathy for this unfortunate but noble hearted gentleman and public spirited citizen of Charleston, since his arrival here, have been universal. The grief among the poorer classes, to whom he has always been a benefactor, was intense. A petition to President Johnson for the special pardon of Mr. Trenholm was drawn up, and has been very extensively signed. Lieut. Sayers, of the 56th New York, accompanied Mr. Trenholm to Port Royal.—*Charleston Courier*, 19th.

A detachment of the 9th Ohio troops arrived here on Sunday afternoon, and no little stir was exhibited by the colored population, who swarmed these visitors like bees around a gum. Their reception was cool and threw a damper on their feelings, water being squirted on them by the 9th Ohio, and other indignities. Satisfied with this the crowd dispersed. The detachment consisted of fifteen men, under command of a lieutenant, and were sent here as a guard to conduct specie deposited in the bank of Newberry to Chester. They left on Monday morning. [*Newberry Herald*, 21st.

On the 3d inst., the Government steamer *Tristram Shandy*, from Fortress Monroe, having on board James A. Seddon, late rebel Secretary of War; Judge Campbell, formerly rebel Assistant Secretary of War and one of the Hampton Roads Peace Commissioners; and R. M. T. Hunter, late one of the rebel Senators from Virginia, arrived at Fort Pulaski, Savannah River, to which stronghold these men were committed to await their trial for treason. [*New York Herald*, 12th.

## Local Items.

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

United States Treasury notes are taken at par for all debts due this office.

We would state to those of our readers who wish to communicate with friends in any portion of the State where the military are stationed, that, until the resumption of mail facilities, they can have their letters forwarded by leaving them at the office of the Provost Marshal.

A glorious rain on Thursday for the gardens. Much thunder and lightning afterwards, but the storm passed Eastward, and probably showered famously over our sister-city of Camden. And still, as we write, on Friday, the skies lower, and wear an uncertain aspect. Our vegetable world, in this thirsty soil, would not suffer from another draught, though not now needing it. If the season continues showery, late corn will repay the farmer, and cow peas console the cattle, with pleasant autumn pastures.

**TRADE IN COLUMBIA.**—We have much pleasure in reporting to country merchants, and the farming population generally of the surrounding country, that the merchants of Columbia are now prepared to supply any orders, from a fish-hook to an elephant, from a cambric needle to a steam engine, from a thimble to a blacksmith shop. Large stocks, and every variety of goods; the useful and the ornamental; the solid and the beautiful; for man or woman; for the working man and the fashionable belle; for all classes, all uses, domestic, plantation, household or farm. Some twenty-five trading houses are now open in Columbia, in every part of the city, with shelves and counters crowded from floor to ceiling; and the articles, so far as we have been able to ascertain, are at prices within the reach of all classes. The commodities contemplate not merely the absolute needs of the people, but their wants and wishes; not only the prime necessities of life, but its luxuries also. The merchants are free to barter, as well as sell. All the commodities of the farmer, producer, mechanic and manufacturer, are taken at reasonable prices. There is a general stir along the streets, and a genial looking-up in society: The motto is, "Never say die."

**PERSONAL.**—All subscribers to the *Phoenix* whose subscriptions have expired, will please come forward and renew, in specie or Government Treasury notes; otherwise their papers will be stopped.

We wish it distinctly understood that our terms are *cash*. No advertisements will, therefore, be inserted unless paid for in advance.

Orders were received at Fort Warren, Boston Harbor, on Friday last, for the release of all rebel prisoners under the rank of captain confined there, after they had taken the oath of allegiance, and on Saturday between thirty and forty of these men, mostly of Mosby's guerillas, were liberated and conveyed to Boston, whence they were furnished with transportation to their homes. They generally expressed satisfaction with their treatment while prisoners, and avowed their determination to hereafter cheerfully support the Government.—*New York Herald*.

## CALICOES.

1 CASE light colored ENGLISH PRINTS just opened and for sale by J. G. GIBBES, June 24 2

## Leather for Sale or Barter.

UPPER and SOLE LEATHER, also, KIP, CALF, GOAT and SHEEP SKINS, for sale or barter for HIDES or PROVISIONS, at the Columbia Tannery, West end Lumber street. June 24 2\* THOMAS WILSON.

## For Sale,

6 BUSHELS CORN, by June 23 2 FISHER & HEINITZ.

## CHOICE FAMILY GROCERIES, &C., &C.

5 KITS No. 1 MACKEREL. 1 bbl. 5 lbs. CRUSHED SUGAR. 200 lbs. RIO COFFEE. 2 chests superior GREEN TEA. Chemical SPERM CANDLES. 20 cases MONONGAHELA WHISKEY. 20 doz superior ALE. 1 bbl. CIDER VINEGAR. 5 baskets CHAMPAGNE. SODA, PEPPER, MUSTARD, STARCH, BLACKING, BUCKETS, BROOMS, &c. ALSO, PRINTS, MUSLIN, ALPACA, LINEN, LONGCLOTH and a variety of other articles too numerous to mention. For sale LOW for CASH, and cash only, by June 23 KENNETH & GIBSON.

## A GOOD TIME IN EDGEFIELD, S. C.

Judging by the following from the *Advertiser*, the people are not much subjugated, or intend to be jolly over their misfortunes. That paper says: Some of our kindest and most refined ladies got up a picnic last week for the entertainment of the young people of the village—especially the youthful soldiers who have so lately arrived from scenes of strife and hardship. And of all the picnics we have ever seen, or experienced, or been guilty of, it was the merriest and brightest, and most comfortable. Gray coat-and brass buttons, and tinsel braiderly, and handsome faces and brave manly young hearts, were in full force and feather. And the owners of the said hearts seemed frantic to dispose of the same then and there, and many did, we have no doubt. And all the charmingest, belovedest, mischievous, brightest-eyed girls in Edgefield (and where are they more charming and brighter-eyed?) were also there. And many of them went away with the before mentioned manly hearts in their keeping. And we would advise them to keep very tight hold on their booty, as hearts of that gender have become lamentably scarce.

And there were thirty or forty feet of hams, turkeys, fowls &c., to say nothing of cakes, pies and fruits; and never did we see such endless and animated dancing. The fiddlers and tamboriners were faithful and long-suffering. And everybody and everything did his and its duty. And it is all right to have pic-nics, and give them and to go to them. Many people will say that when the great temporal or spiritual interests of men are endangered, it is very well to be grave and sedate and deliberate till the battle is fought out. That is all very true. But we must not forget that one of the great reformers was one of the jolliest of men and that his opponents say, "All Luther's table talk was about wine, women and song." And besides, very young people should not be expected to be grave, sedate and deliberate. There is not a sadder spectacle this side of the chain-gang, than a set of melancholy young women and straight laced boys. Man is a laughing animal—the laughing animal. No other animals laughs. And it is a crime not to use every faculty with which God has endowed us. Therefore, "laugh and grow fat," which means laugh and do your duty.

**THE CAPTURE OF GOVERNOR LETCHER, OF VIRGINIA.**—Ex-Gov. Letcher, of Virginia, was captured by a detachment of the Twenty-second and Fifth New York cavalry, under the command of Major Moore, an Aide-de-Camp on General Torbert's staff. They left Winchester on the morning of the 17th, and arrived at Staunton on the evening of the 19th ult., at seven o'clock. An additional detail was made by Gen. Duvall of 150 of the Fifth New York cavalry. At three a. m., on the 19th, they started for Lexington, and arrested Letcher about four o'clock in the morning. They had orders to arrest Extra Billy Smith also, but were three days too late. Letcher said he did not see why he should be arrested, and said if the Secretary of War had sent him notice that he wanted to see him he would have come along. Maj. Moore told him that mail arrangements were not very perfect in the Valley, and therefore the other method of securing his presence was considered preferable.

## For Sale,

A DESIRABLE FARM of 60 acres, under good fencing, about 2 1/2 miles from town, near Barhamville. On the place is a neat COTTAGE HOUSE, containing five rooms, with all necessary out-buildings and a spring of cool water. Apply to C. F. HARRISON, June 23 2d door from Shiver House.

## South Carolina Railroad.

GEN. SUPT'S OFFICE, S. C. R. R., CHARLESTON, June 19, 1865. ON and after WEDNESDAY, the 21st inst., and until further notice, the Passenger Trains of this road will leave as follows:

Leave Charleston at 7 a. m.; arrive at 2 p. m. Leave Orangeburg at 8 a. m.; arrive at 1 p. m.

Freight per Passenger Train will be received only between the hours of 8 a. m. and 3 p. m. No freight will be received in the morning prior to the train leaving. H. T. PEAKS, June 23 3 General Superintendent.

## TINWARE.

J. W. SMITH is prepared to furnish J. TINWARE at wholesale or retail. All orders promptly attended to, at his residence, Taylor street, opposite Sidney Park. REPAIRING done at shortest notice. June 22 3\*

## P. B. GLASS, BOOKSELLER AND STATIONER,

(Plain Street, between Bull and Pickens.) HAS for sale LETTER, CAP and NOTE PAPER, ENVELOPES, Steel Pens, Pen Holders, Sealing Wax, Mucilage, Red Tape, Lead Pencils, India Rubber, Writing Ink, Memorandum and Pass Books. June 20 16\*

## 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 16

## Just Received

FROM NEW YORK & PHILADELPHIA,

AND FOR SALE AT WHOLESALE AND RETAIL,

A LARGE STOCK OF DRY GOODS,

CLOTHING GENTS AND LADIES'

FURNISHING GOODS!

CONSISTING IN PART OF:

CALICOES, DELAINES, LAWNS. Jaconet and Swiss MUSLINS. Bleached and Unbleached HOMESPUN. Hoop and Bazaar SKIRTS. GLOVES, HOSE, LACE. MANTILLAS, FANS and Hair NETS. Shaker HOODS, CLOTHING. LINEN, Calico and Traveling SHIRTS. UNDERSHIRTS and DRAWERS. HATS, SOCKS, NECKTIES. Butterfly SCARFS, GLOVES. Fancy and White Paper COLLARS. Linen HANDKERCHIEFS. SUSPENDERS, Shoe BLACKING. Table Cloths, Napkins, Toweling. Long and Fine Combs. Pencils, Knives and Forks. Cotton Cards, Needles, Flax Thread. Also, a large and fine stock of IMPORTED and DOMESTIC SEGARS, for sale by FOOT & SULZBACHER, Agents, Assembly street between Plain and Washington. June 22 6

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## NEW STOCK!

Just Arrived

## M. A. SHELTON & CO.,

Bull Street, one door from the Post Office,

ARE now offering a NEW STOCK OF GOODS, which they have lately purchased at low rates, and are disposed to sell

At a Slight Advance for Cash,

CONSISTING IN PART OF:

LADIES' SHOES, of all patterns—fine Gent's " of superior quality. Misses " of all numbers. Boy's " cheap and good. Gent's fine FELT HATS. " good WOOL HATS. Ladies' fine HATS, Ladies' VEILS. " HOSE, PINS. TOOTH BRUSHES, PLAYING CARDS. Butter CRACKERS, Fancy do. CHEESE, GREEN TEA, RAISINS. WHITE SUGAR, BROWN SUGAR. JAVA COFFEE—1 pound packages. BROOMS, MATCHES, SIEVES. MUSTARD, STARCH, TINWARE. MACKEREL, HERRING, CODFISH. CANDLES, Colgate's PALE SOAP. BOURBON WHISKEY, ALE. PORTER, CLARET, St. Julien. CUMBERLAND SAUCE. MOSS TOBACCO, SMOKING do. CHEWING TOBACCO, LEMONS. Country merchants and others visiting the city with the intention of purchasing goods, will find it to their interest to give us a call before purchasing elsewhere, as we are enabled, from an extensive purchase, to sell at a very LOW ADVANCE ON CHARLESTON PRICES. June 20

## 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

## 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, City Clerk.