

Late from Charleston.

We have, through the attention of Mr. Bruns, copies of the Charleston Courier, of the 26th and 27th June. The following order will be read with interest by planters, who will take heed accordingly:

HEADQUARTERS NORTHERN DISTRICT, D. S., Charleston, S. C., June 24, 1865.

General Order No. 62. It has come to the knowledge of the District Commander that, in some of the contracts made between planters and freedmen, a clause has been introduced establishing a system of peonage—the freedman binding himself to work out any debt he may hereafter incur to his employer. All contracts made under authority from these headquarters will be understood as merely temporary arrangements to insure the cultivation of the ground for the present season. Any contract made under the above authority, which contains provisions tending to peonage, will be considered null. The officers having charge of contracts will examine them carefully, and when they are found to contain such clause, will notify the planters that new contracts must be made, in which the objectionable feature will be omitted. Contracts will be simply worded; whilst acknowledging the freedom of the colored man, such expressions as 'freed by the acts of the military forces of the United States' will not be permitted. The attempt to introduce anything into the contract which may have the appearance of an intimation, at some future date, to contest the question of the emancipation of the negroes will be reported to the commander of the sub district, who will examine into the antecedents of the person making the attempt, and report upon the case to district headquarters. By command of Brevet Maj. Gen. JOHN P. HATCH. LEONARD B. PERRY, Ass't Adj. Gen.

There has been a severe storm on the coast—a hurricane—but the damage done is as yet unknown.

Among the citizens arriving in Charleston, we find the names of W. B. Smith, J. M. Eason, T. D. Eason, R. B. McCreary, Robert Adger and David Lopez.

J. Clanson's house was robbed by burglars, who attempted to administer chloroform to the lady inmates.

Asher D. Cohen, Esq., has returned to Charleston and resumed the practice of law.

Mr. Benjamin Riels has been married to Miss M. Kanapaux in Charleston; and at the Port Royal Hotel, Mr. Benjamin Honey to Mrs. Margaret Flynn.

Mrs. Ball and Miss McNulty were announced for a concert on the 30th ult.

Mr. D. Jacobs has returned to Charleston, and resumed business.

LATER.—We owe to the courtesy of Mr. W. B. Smith a copy of the Charleston Courier, of the 30th ult. From this we gather the following items:

A letter from Orangeburg, written in rose color, describes matters and things there refreshingly. Employers and employees never got on so well together before. There are disputes, it is true, but all things are settled amicably in the end; and the prospect of a crop is good. New buildings are beginning to arise from the ashes of the burnt district. Two companies of the 55th Massachusetts Volunteer are stationed at Fort Motte, and Col. Van Wyck's Regiment, it is understood, is to leave Summerville for the same point. The weather has been hot at Orangeburg, the thermometer at 97 degrees Fahrenheit in the shade. So the inhabitants judiciously kept cool.

General Gillmore orders a general suspension of business on the fourth of July. The day is to be celebrated everywhere—a national salute will be fired at sunrise: one hundred guns at noon; the troops will be paraded; the Declaration of Independence and the Emancipation Proclamation are to be read to them, and orations are to be delivered, wherever practicable. The people are generally invited. Such is the purport of Gen. Gillmore's proclamation. The editors of the Courier, in their enthusiasm, are disposed to extend the terms of this proclamation. They say, "In the morning, every citizen will rise at the usual hour and partake of his breakfast." But how, if he has none to partake? and why should he be required to eat his breakfast when he has no appetite for it? Again: "In the afternoon, the programme will be varied, and all the people will indulge in sleep." This is surely very arbitrary. What good reason can there be for requiring people to sleep of an afternoon, especially on the Fourth of July; and how to enforce sleep at will? This is a problem, the solution of which has bothered many a physician. It will be a secret to learn. Pyrotechnics will be

omitted," says the Courier. "We have had enough already." Well, enough is as good as a feast.

Mr. James Gordon, of Boston, was married in Charleston to Miss Mattie, daughter of L. V. A. Vanderhorst, of the latter city.

WINE AND WALNUTS.—The Phoenix acknowledges her indebtedness to Mr. Harly Solomon for a lunch, consisting of some very fine cheese, of Cheshire aspect, some fine Boston crackers and a beaker of golden sherry, such as has not refreshed her palate over-frequently during the last four years. She was reminded of ancient times, when there were famous wine cellars in Carolina. The Phoenix is not an ungrateful bird, and is pleased to bear testimony to the Samaritanism of Mr. Solomon. Verily, editors and printers deserve well of their fellow-men, and it is particularly pleasant to perceive that there are men in the world who are not unwilling to respect their claims to consideration. Really, it must be a grateful thing to all rightly constituted natures to behold the satisfaction that they give. What a charming thing it is when Philanthropy spreads the feast and Courtesy presides at the board, and how it must gladden the heart of the host to perceive the eye glowing with brightness as it sparkles back with light kindled by the choice beverages of Spain and Madeira. Nay, even those of Navarre and the Rhine will make us rejoice.

MEETING AT LAURENS.—We have received the report of the proceedings had by the citizens of Laurens District, on the 27th ult., with the view to the reconstruction of the United States and the restoration of South Carolina to the Union. We shall publish these proceedings in an early issue.

Lewis E. Parsons has been made Provisional Governor of Alabama. We have heard that Mr. James Johnson—not Herschel—has been made Provisional Governor of Georgia; and Andrew J. Hamilton has been appointed Governor of Texas.

The Hon. W. W. Boyce has received an unconditional pardon from the President.

The small pox is reported at Macon, Ga.

MORE PETITIONS FOR PARDON.—Thirty one petitions for pardon were filed with the President yesterday. Among the petitioners were the rebel General Richard S. Ewell, of Virginia Governor William Aiken, of South Carolina; the rebel Secretary of the Treasury, G. A. Trenholm, of South Carolina, and General Echols, of Virginia. The neighbors of General Echols oppose his pardon. They charge him with the hanging of five citizens of Virginia, for no other reason than they declared themselves in favor of the Union. The other petitions came from persons in humble life and unknown to the public. One is a resident of Kentucky, five are from Tennessee, one from North Carolina, thirteen from Virginia, one from Alabama, two from South Carolina, three from Georgia, one from Pennsylvania, one from Maryland and one from Louisiana.

The President has pardoned the following persons: Philip Lee, of Kentucky; John R. Davis, of Tennessee, and James L. Seward, formerly member of Congress from Georgia.

[N. Y. Evening Post June 22.]

PEOPLES' BANK.—An election for President and Directors of the Peoples' Bank was held at the Bank Hall yesterday morning. All of the old board were unanimously re-elected, and D. L. McKay afterwards chosen by the Board as President. This shows the great confidence felt in the manner in which the affairs of the Bank have been managed up to the present time.

We learn that the President has received an official document from the Honorable Secretary of the Treasury, granting permission for the opening of a new National Bank, or the changing of the Peoples' Bank into a National one, with a capital of three million dollars. It is proposed to open the books at an early day for subscriptions to the 'Peoples' National Bank.'

To show the wants of the community for an institution of this kind, we learn that the deposits in the Peoples' Bank for the last few days exceed three hundred thousand dollars.

[Charleston Courier.]

Local Items.

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

LIST OF LETTERS.—We have already advised the citizens of Columbia to look in occasionally at the store of Messrs Zealy, Scott & Bruns, for letters from their friends and correspondents. They will do well to look in, also, at the office of Messrs Durbee & Walter. We have obtained from these latter gentlemen the list which follows, of letters lying uncalled for at their office:

W R Hunt, Henry Gourdin, J C Cochran, John C Seegers 5, T A Wilbur 2, Dr R F Satis 2, Dr Leland 2, A R Taylor 3, Dr Melvin Greenland 2, Mrs G M Johnson 2, Mrs E J Wade 2, Edward Hope 2, H E Nichols 6, Allen & Dial 4, C P Remsen 2, Rev Dr O'Connell 3, Convent 2, John F Douglas, Chas Schultz, Dr J W Parker, Rev Dr Palmer, Mrs Geo Cramer, Mrs E Marks, Eillard, Bruns & Co, R D Hamilton, J Eisenmann, John W Caldwell, Wm McGuinnis, Hart Maxey, G A Hall, Mrs Dr J LeConte, Mrs J Morrison, W Van Wert, Mrs H W Conner, Robert Bryce, C Brill, Heirs of Cornelia Gregg, Mrs G A Tremholm, R G Stone, Robert Anderson, Paul Boffill, Mrs Jas Burnside, Joseph Taylor, S L DeVeaux, A Harris, Mrs Wm Hitchcock.

WHAT OF THE WEATHER.—Friday night was a terrible one to all those who had to do their sleeping in a garret. One had better seek his sister in a horse pond. There was no sleep at all. Not a breath of air. The winds were as much hushed as if nature had drawn her last breath. The aspect of the moon, setting behind a huge line of cordilleras, was that of Vesuvius in full blast. Bituminous blackness blended with sulphurous flames, gathering all about her brows. Her aspect was ominous of storm. Yet we had none. There was an occasional flash of lightning, a roll of thunder, a sprinkle of rain, and the great earth was suffered to collapse again, buried in stagnating vapors. We rise on Saturday, after a sleepless night, to dream of sleep, and doubt if we shall ever again be permitted to enjoy that blesseddest of all mortal inventions, "Great nature's sweet restorer, balmy sleep." The day is cooler at opening, but grows sultrier as we write. We need a cooling series of atmospheric convulsions. Now that cannon have ceased, the thunder may be permitted to roar again. Now that walled cities are no longer shelled, we trust that they may be showered and even stormed upon. A thunderstorm is necessary to relieve this densely packed atmosphere, which chokes us while we swallow. Oil for Norwegian breezes; for a fleet of icebergs to roll around upon our Atlantic waters and blockade the ports anew! We cannot counsel our readers to keep cool. Let them first try to get so. At all events, keep out of the sun. Keep in the shade; and either work with all the energy possible, or drowse in a wet sheet, under the cover of a snow tree—if that be discoverable outside of the realm of the Prince of the Black Islands.

COUNTRY AND CITY TRADE.—We called attention, a few days ago, to the up-looking characteristics of Columbia, remarking upon the number and variety of our mercantile and trading establishments. We have now to remark upon their continued increase. Stocks are enlarging. New shops are opening. Old houses are undergoing improvement. Stores and store-houses are growing bigger. There are bigger halls for the reception of goods, bigger doors for the reception of customers. An eager competition is in progress. Zealy, Scott, Bruns, Solomons, Cohen, Foot & Co., and scores besides, are daily receiving new supplies. The one is not to be out-done by the other. When Zealy sends off for a wagon train, Cohen does likewise. Zealy takes Cohen's photograph; Cohen takes the alarm. The lawyer-doctor is not to be overcome by the artist. The artist will yield to none of the clerical professors. They struggle and strive together, while the citizen looks on and chuckles. He naturally calculates that, from the sharp competition, his goods will undergo daily cheapening. Meanwhile, Mayor Gibbs goes to Washington—he goes North—nay, he is not only going, he is gone. He seeks reconstruction in behalf of Columbia. He is on a public mission of the citizens. He seeks a stock of fresh goods for himself—seeks to redeem the city issues in greenbacks or gold rings. And, by the way, it is surely a very great blunder of the citizens to fight shy of an issue which, all told, amounts to only six hundred dollars, which

the whole property of the city is required to redeem. The truth is, this city issue is really on as sound a basis as any other. Not that we hold that any basis is necessary for a currency beyond the "confidence" of the people. To resume. Our streets are now daily filled with wagons. Lines are established to all the railroad termini. There is Courtenay's line to Newberry; Graham's, Yates' and others to Orangeburg; Sosowski to Chester, and others to Aiken, Cowes and a market. And these wagons bring in supplies daily. Very soon we shall have new flour and the usual farmer supplies of grain, butter, poultry, &c. Some of these we are having now and in great quantity. The butchers, by the way, are doing the best business in town. Beef and the smaller meats are from ten to twelve cents. They gather up the gold, the silver and the greenbacks. You see them from 5 to 10 a. m., with their hands grasping and their aprons borne down by the weighty accumulations of gold, silver and paper, and in their patriotic self-sacrifice, they call upon no man to relieve them from their surplus burdens. They are wise fellows in their day and generation. While the sluggards sleep, they are stirring. They give the sun the left shoulder. They beat him on the market place. They say to the politicians, a plagus on both your houses; and keep in memory the counsel of Iago to Cassio, "Put money in thy purse!"

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.

TRISTRAM TUPPER, Esq.—We regret to learn, from the Transcript, of the death of this prominent and estimable citizen of Charleston. Mr. Tupper has been, for many years, an active merchant of Charleston, and a member of the Chamber of Commerce. He was the first President of the South Carolina Railroad Company, and also was a zealous and generous member of the First Baptist Church, of Charleston. A citizen of so much independence of character, such high integrity, such forecast and public spirit, will be sorely missed. He leaves a large family, several of whom are distinguished in the professions and in mercantile pursuits.

A SUGGESTIVE FACT.—The orthodox loyalty of the North gives for the paper of the Government but seventy cents on the dollar; the 'rebel' loyalty of the South gives for it so much as eighty-five or eighty-six cents! This very interesting, and, indeed, in all its significance, very gratifying fact comes to us in the form that while gold is here ranging from 140 to 150, it is so low at Augusta, Georgia, as from 115 to 118! The gallant South is, we are glad to learn, thus not only not without large supplies of the precious metals, but also not without large confidence in the value of the notes of the General Government!

COLUMBIA PRICES CURRENT.

Table listing various goods and their prices as of Saturday, July 1, 1865. Items include Ale, Brandy, Peaches, Bacon, Beef, Butter, Corn, Coffee, Cigars, Candles, Chickens, Eggs, Flour, Herrings, Homespun, Longcloth, Mutton, Meal, Molasses, Peas, Potatoes, Pork, Raisins, Salt, Salmon, Sugar, Soap, Sardines, Tea, Tobacco, and Vinegar.

Notice. JAMES BAKER will REPAIR GUNS and LOCKS at the shortest notice. He can be found at the corner of Bull and Camden streets. July 8 1

AUCTION SALES. Mules, Wagons, Harness, &c. By Jacob Levin, Auctioneer. ON MONDAY MORNING, 31 July, inst., will be sold, at the Guard House, or Old Fellows' School Room, at 10 o'clock, 9 well broke Mules and three Wagons and Harness, belonging to the city of Columbia. A Horse, Buggy and Harness and 1 fine Saddle Horse. Conditions cash on delivery. June 30 3

Very Desirable Residence to Rent. HANDSOME FURNITURE RESTAURANT, well located in the city. The mansion has seven rooms, with basement; a fine lot, with flower and vegetable garden under cultivation. For further particulars, apply at this office. July 3 43

Notice. THE citizens who have received written invitations to the barbecue given by the colored citizens, are requested to be at the grounds formerly occupied by the Foreign Legion, by 2 o'clock, TUESDAY, July 4, 1865. H. D. EDWARDS, Secretary of Committee.

Household and Kitchen FURNITURE!! AT PRIVATE SALE.

OFFER at private sale, entire Household and Kitchen FURNITURE, consisting of the usual variety, all in good order. Great inducements will be offered to any one wishing to purchase the entire lot. I have also a light CARRIAGE, in good order, suitable for one or two horses. A good TOP BUGGY and HARNESS. A handsome CARRIAGE for a child. A fine toned ROSEWOOD PIANO and handsome GUITAR. JOSEPH MARSH, At the residence of Capt. T. R. Sharp, Gervais street, above Pickens. July 3 m4*

Delicacies. CITRON, CURRANTS, RAISINS, GUM DROPS, CHOCOLATE, SARDINES and Boston, Ginger, Soda, Oyster and Wine CRACKERS. For sale by DR. P. MELVIN COHEN, Druggist, Pickens street, head of Lady. July 3 1

CHOICE LIQUORS, FOR SICKNESS. PURE FRENCH BRANDY, (Grape.) OLD PORT WINE. GIBSON'S OLD WHISKEY. Old Homestead BITTERS, S. T. 1860, X. For sale by DR. P. MELVIN COHEN, Druggist, Pickens street, head of Lady st. N. B.—Applications for these liquors must be accompanied by a surgeon or physician's certificate or Col. Haughton's order. July 3 1

LUBIN'S EXTRACTS. VANILLA, ROSE and LEMON, for flavoring. FRANGIPANNI and JOCKEY CLUB, for the handkerchief. - And pure LEMON SYRUP. For sale by DR. P. MELVIN COHEN, Druggist, Pickens street, head of Lady st. July 3 1

COLUMBIA MALE SCHOOL. THE exercises of this SCHOOL for the second session of 1865, will commence on the 17th of July, in the Sunday School Room of the Marion Street Methodist Church, the temporary use of which school room has been secured by the principal. The number of scholars will be limited. Compliance with the regulations of the school and close attention to study are required, and will be exacted of every pupil. Tuition will be at the rate of \$2.00 per session of five months, payable by half sessions. F. W. PAPE, Principal. July 3 3*

For Sale or Hire, AT reasonable prices, two PIANOS—6 and 6 1/2 octave. Apply to A. TRAEGER, near Frazier's new buildings. July 1 2*

A Line of Boats WILL ply regularly between this city and Aiston and Shelton's Ferry, connecting with the Greenville & Columbia and Spartanburg & Union Railroad at the above points. For freight or passage, apply to W. M. SIMONS, Bull street, above Blanding. July 1 2

CHOICE ARRIVALS. 17 CHOICE English DAIRY CHEESE. Packages LOW & WINDSOR SOAP. WHITEWASH BRUSHES. 10x12 French GLASS. 100 lbs. PUTTY, &c. Just arrived and for sale by July 1 2 KENNETH & GIBSON.

Mr. Davidson's Select School. THE scholastic quarter commences on MONDAY, the 31 of July. Boys received at any time. The course of study embraces all the English branches usually taught in schools, Greek, Latin and French. For other information, apply to or address JAS. WOOD DAVIDSON, June 27 unless At Dr. John Fisher's.