

By Telegraph.

Destruction of Steamers and Barges by Ice.

St. Louis, December 16.—The ice gorge in the river gave way to-day. The ice swept past the city with tremendous power, sinking or seriously damaging a dozen steamers and a number of barges, involving a loss of about \$300,000. The danger is still imminent to the other boats.

The Fenians.

New York, December 16.—The Fenian Senate has adjourned, and four Senators have gone to their homes, leaving their brethren and President Roberts patiently awaiting the arrival of the Irish Head Centre, James Stephens. They expect him to take the dictatorship here, for, in the Fenian Brotherhood, if nobody has disclaimed, the Head Centre is an absolute monarch, and they believe that when he shall have deposed the rival Presidents, all will be serene.

From New Orleans.

New Orleans, December 16.—The receipts of cotton at this port are falling off, and the advices from the interior are to the effect that the maximum has been reached, and that there will in future be a steady decline. Prices here are hardening in consequence, and parcels heretofore offering on sale have been withdrawn. Shipments on joint accounts are quite a feature of the market. Freight to Liverpool rule at three farthings, per steamer direct.

Latest from Europe.

New York, December 19.—We have Liverpool dates per steamer "Cuba," to December 8. Sales of cotton for the week, 99,000 bales, principally for export and speculation. Middling Orleans at 21½, advanced during the week ¼¢, closing quiet. Breadstuffs and provisions quiet.

The King of Belgium is dead. At the American banquet given in Paris on Thanksgiving day, Minister Bigelow expressed pacific sentiments, and General Schofield proposed as a health, the friendship between France and the United States. O'Leary, the Fenian, has been found guilty, and sentenced to twenty years penal servitude.

HALIFAX, December 19.—The steamer "Scotia" has arrived, with Liverpool dates to the 10th inst. Sales of cotton on Saturday five thousand bales. The market is easier, but prices are unchanged. Consols 80½ @ 90 5-16; 5 20's 60½ @ 64.

New York Affairs.

New York, December 16.—The Fenians and their troubles still seem to absorb much public attention here. At the Hall of Tara yesterday, the officers of the various departments were busily engaged in matters pertaining to the organization. The arrival of General Mullen, the head of the Military Department in Ireland, has excited much interest and curiosity as to his position as regards the present causes of misunderstanding between their Fenian leaders. The chief difference is said to lie in the opposition in views with regard to a proposed early move upon the "enemy's works." It is supposed that the military chieftain of Ireland, with the views from either side before him, will take sides with President O'Mahoney; for the present, at all events.

The appearance of their Secretary of War before the Senate yesterday, his speech there, and his interview with the military delegation of nine, who have just arrived from Ireland, are said to have excited much enthusiasm in favor of his plans for immediate and decided action.

On the other hand, many resolutions of endorsement of President O'Mahoney's policy are passed by different circles. Upon the whole, the breach is apparently widening, and should the early contemplated move be attempted, the general opinion seems to be that it will terminate in a complete abortion.

The courts of the city present to the world a frightful record of crime and vice. The money market, to-day, is much agitated, in consequence of the rumors of a rupture in our diplomatic relations with France. The closing rate of gold, to-day, 146½, with rather an upward tendency. Money is scarce, and only to be had at high rates.

From Washington.

WASHINGTON, December 16.—Last evening, J. C. Wetmore, Military Agent for the State of Ohio, gave an entertainment. Many prominent officials were present; among them Hon. Thos. Corwin, who, about 11 o'clock, was suddenly stricken with paralysis.

The Cabinet meeting, yesterday, was long and important, lasting until 3 o'clock. Gen. Grant was present. It is understood that the matter of the re-organization of the army was considered.

Horace Maynard, being asked what he thought of the prospect of the Tennessee delegation since the last action of the House, said he thought Thad. Stevens had the whole Southern Confederacy in his breeches pocket, and meant to keep it there for a good while.

Col. Brown, Assistant Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau for the State of Virginia, has just submitted to Gen. Howard a proposition for the removal of all negro residents of that State to the unoccupied Government lands of Florida. This would necessarily involve Congressional action, but Gen. Howard has not yet fully determined what course to pursue in the matter.

The Assistant Secretary of the Treasury, Mr. Chandler, to-day signed an order directed to the several heads of bureaus in the Treasury Department, directing them to discharge certain clerks named in the order, in all numbering seventy-five.

Maj. Gen. Kilpatrick, Minister to Chili, will leave here for New York to-morrow, and start from that city upon his voyage for Chili on the 1st of January.

It is reported that Gen. Butler, who is now in this city, is soon to uncork the several vials of his wrath upon the head of the Lieutenant-General.

Commodore Brashear writes the Navy Department, from Callao, that the Peruvian Government has determined to make

common cause with Chili in resisting the aggression of Spain.

Strong pressure is being brought to bear to induce Logan to reconsider his declination, and accept the Mexican mission.

Advices received to-day state that the Liberal cause is in the ascendant in all parts of the country. Imperial troops are deserting in large numbers.

The Committee on Appropriations hold daily sessions. They have an economical fit, and are cutting down estimates fearfully.

A meeting of the Senators and Representatives from the South has been held. They have come to the conclusion that Congress does not intend to admit them this session. They, therefore, intend to go home immediately.

Large numbers of Senators and Representatives were at the President's House, this morning. Parties who are interested assert positively that the President has given orders in the various departments to make no more appointments for the present, wishing to see what course Congress will pursue on the reconstruction question.

The people of this city are so afraid of negro suffrage that they are petitioning Congress to take away the charter altogether, and govern by a commission.

The House Judiciary Committee, yesterday, agreed to a bill which strikes the word "white" from the charter wherever it appears.

The Ways and Means Committee do not contemplate a reduction of the currency at present.

FIRE CRACKERS, ROMAN CANDLES!

AND a general assortment of FIRE-WORKS. For sale by SHELTON, CALVO & WALSH, Bull st., 1 square West Nickerson's Hotel. Dec 21

Boots & Shoes!

JUST RECEIVED,

5 CASES Men's Long-leg WATER-PROOF BOOTS.
4 cases Boy's Double-soled BOOTS.
Ladies' and Misses' SHOES, in great variety. ALSO,
A large assortment of SERVANTS' SHOES, which will be sold LOW by SHELTON, CALVO & WALSH, Bull st., 1 square West Nickerson's Hotel. Dec 21

Look at This!

SHODAIR & STIEGLITZ,
Main Street, near Washington,
HAVE just received a fine assortment of FRENCH CONFECTIONERY, TOYS, FIRE-WORKS, Fine Smoking and Chewing Tobacco. Besides an excellent assortment of Fancy Articles, etc., suitable for Christmas presents. They are also prepared to furnish parties, etc., with handsomely iced and ornamented Cakes. An inspection of their stock is invited. Dec 21

For Christmas!

CANDY, FIRE-WORKS, TOYS, &C.

50 LBS. Mixed French SUGAR PLUMS.
50 lbs. JELLY GUM DROPS.
50 lbs. BURNT ALMONDS.
25 " COCOA-NUT CANDY.
ALSO,
FIRE-WORKS of every description.
FIRE CRACKERS, CANDY TOYS and numerous other Christmas presents. Just received and for sale by

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MANUFACTURER OF CONFECTIONERY!

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MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS, Guitar and Violin STRINGS, TOYS, FIRE-WORKS, &c.

I am daily receiving and opening something new and suitable for the Christmas holidays, at the LOWEST PRICES. PLAIN STREET, Between Nickerson's Hotel and Main st.

Wanted to Hire. A COMPETENT NURSE for a child a year old; white or colored. A first-rate House Servant. A first-rate Chambermaid. The best recommendations required. Apply at this office. Dec 21

J. J. GOODWYN, M. D., OFFERS his professional services to the citizens of Columbia. His office for the present is at the residence of S. L. DeVeaux, Esq., Camden (or Taylor) street.

FOR SALE OR RENT. A DWELLING HOUSE, containing eight rooms, situated two miles from Columbia, on the Camden Road. On the premises are a carriage house, stable, barn and all necessary out-houses. The lot contains 180 acres, wooded. Apply to BENJ. T. DENT, At the Market. Dec 18

LOOK AT THIS!

THAT very desirable BRICK MANSION, of modern architecture, with corresponding out-buildings and improved grounds, corner of Laurel and streets, is for sale—the proprietor expecting to remove from the city. Apply to Dec 20 W. A. HARRIS, Agent.

For Sale, A NEAT and comfortable COTTAGE HOUSE, with six rooms and requisite out-buildings, corner of Senate and Henderson streets. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

For Sale, A COMFORTABLE HOUSE and LOT for a small family, corner of Lumber and Lincoln streets. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

For Sale, A MOST desirable unimproved LOT—five-eighths of an acre—corner of Main and Marion streets. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

For Sale, A N unimproved LOT, of one acre, corner of Sumter and Pendleton streets—convenient to Main street—well located for a hotel or private residence. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

For Sale, 1-2 ACRE LOT, between Main and Sumter streets. 4 acre LOT, on Main street. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

For Sale, ONE ACRE LOT, convenient to Charleston Railroad Depot. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

For Sale, SUNDRY LOTS, improved and unimproved. Also, PLANTATIONS. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

Palmetto House, Spartanburg C. H. THIS extensive, well-arranged and popular HOTEL is offered for sale. See hand-bills. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

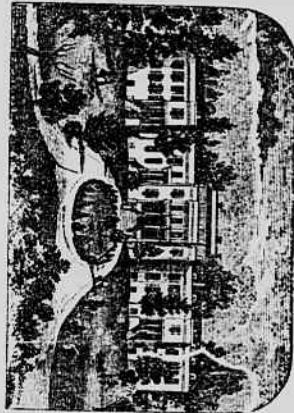
4,000 ACRES OF LAND, IN the vicinity of Spartanburg village, and bounded in part by the village, will be divided and sold to suit applicants. Dec 20 wf W. A. HARRIS, Agent.

FOR SALE, A PLANTATION of about 1,100 acres. On it is a good commodious HOUSE and out-buildings. Near the railroad and eight miles of Wimsboro. For particulars, see W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

FOR SALE, A WELL-FINISHED, large and comfortable HOUSE, with requisite out-buildings, with 18½ acres land, or more, if desired, situated one mile from the city. Dec 20 wf W. A. HARRIS, Agent.

FOR SALE, \$10,000 OF Hamburg and Columbia Railroad Stock. W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 20 wf

FOR SALE,



Barhamville Female College.

THIS magnificent and renowned institution of learning, in consequence of the advanced age of the proprietor, is now offered for sale. The knowledge, skill and energy of the Principal of this school has placed it among one of the first educational seminaries of America. For particulars, a circular will be furnished on application to W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Dec 16

For Sale, COLUMBIA CITY PROPERTY.

THE undersigned is authorized to sell a number of HOUSES and LOTS, situated in various portions of the city. Note is the time for capitalists. They may be treated for on advantageous terms, if applied for soon to W. A. HARRIS, Agent. Nov 28

Commission Agent.

W. A. HARRIS, Agent to Purchase or Sell Real Estate. Prompt attention given to any business entrusted to his care. Office, for the present, at his residence, corner Gervais and Bull streets. Columbia, S. C. Dec 5

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE.

OFFER for sale several valuable tracts of OAK and HICKORY LANDS, situated in Pickens District, on the line of railroad and around Walhalla. Also, some highly improved Grain and Cotton LANDS, in Fairfield District, located near the Columbia and Charlotte Railroad. Together with several superior PLANTATIONS, in Richland District, one of which is bounded on one side by the Charleston and Columbia Railroad. For particulars, apply to Dec 2 W. A. HARRIS, Agent.

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Assembly Street,

BETWEEN PLAIN & WASHINGTON.

COLUMBIA, S. C.

Auction Sales.

By F. Lance & Son.

WILL be sold, THIS (Friday) 22d inst., at 10½ o'clock, at residence in Senate street, nearly opposite Dr. Shand's Church, A very fine 7-octave Piano. 1 handsome Book-case. Rosewood What-Not and several other articles. Dec 22 2*

By Durbec & Walter.

WILL be sold at our mart, THIS DAY, at 9½ o'clock,

The following articles: Wardrobes, Lounges, Safes, Mattresses, Rockers, Chairs, Stoves, Tables, Trunks, Cooking Utensils, Clothing, Shoes, Carts, Wagons, &c. ALSO, A lot of nice Crockery. Dec 22

By Durbec & Walter.

WE will sell, TO-NIGHT, at 7 o'clock, at our mart.

A lot of well-selected CHRISTMAS PRESENTS, consisting of: Brooches, Ear-rings, Watches, Ladies' Collars, Cordials, Toys, Gloves, Hats, Fire Crackers, Ladies' and Misses' Hose, Belts, &c. And a lot of Fancy Articles. Dec 22

Furniture, Males, Wagons, Harness, Cows.

By Francis Lance & Son.

WILL be sold, THIS DAY, December 22, at 10½ o'clock, at the residence in Senate street, nearly opposite Dr. Shand's Church,

A variety of well-kept Household and Kitchen FURNITURE, consisting of: Bureaus, Mahogany and Cane-seat Chairs, Sofas, Lounges, Marble-top Washstands and Tables, Mirrors, Brussels Carpets, Dish Covers, Lead Pipe, Cooking Utensils and numerous other articles. ALSO,

A very handsome set of Parlor Furniture. ALSO, 2 good Milch Cows.

Wagons, Mules, Harness and a variety of other things.

Unlimited articles received up to 10 o'clock on day of sale. Dec 22 4*

Commissioner's Sale.

Ex parte Melvin M. Sams et ux et al. IN EQUITY—RICHLAND DISTRICT.

IN pursuance of the order of the Court of Equity in this case, I will sell, before the Court House, in the city of Columbia, on the 1st MONDAY in January next, at 10 o'clock a. m., all that two lots of LAND, situate in the city of Columbia, butting and bounding towards the North on Waring's lots, towards the South on Chas. Black's lot, towards the East on lot of Dr. Samuel Fair, and towards the West on Richardson (otherwise called Main) street; measuring in front on Richardson street about 58 feet, more or less, and in depth about 208 feet, with an alley-way between the two lots, extending the whole depth of the lots; which, if the lots are sold to different purchasers, will be in common to the two lots. Upon the lots were two commodious stores, destroyed by fire, the bricks being still upon them. These lots are admirably situated for business.

TERMS.—Two-thirds cash; the balance at the expiration of one year from the day of sale; to be secured by bond and mortgage of the premises, with interest payable annually until the whole debt has been paid. Purchasers to pay for papers

D. B. DESAUSURE, Commissioner in Equity Richland Dist. Dec 10 mf

Commissioner's Sale.

IN EQUITY—YORK DISTRICT. Robert Bell and wife and others vs. Wm. Ardrey.—Bill for Partition.

IN obedience to the decree of the Court of Equity made in this case, I will sell, at York Court House, on the FIRST MONDAY in January next, a TRACT OF LAND, situate in York District, on Sugar Creek, bounded by lands of J. T. Withers, Eliza Stewart and D. G. Bennet, and containing four hundred acres, more or less. This is a most desirable and highly productive plantation.

TERMS OF SALE.—A sufficiency of cash to pay the costs of these proceedings; the balance of the purchase money on a credit of one and two years, in equal instalments, with interest from the day of sale, and secured by the bond of the purchaser, with good sureties and a mortgage of the premises. W. B. METTS, C. E. Y. D. Dec 9

COMMISSIONER'S SALE.

RICHLAND DISTRICT—IN EQUITY. John Logan, George W. Glenn, et ux et al., vs. Rufus J. Reid, Joseph Clippers, et ux et al.—Bill for Sale of Real Estate.

IN pursuance of the order of the Court in the above case, I will sell, on the FIRST MONDAY in January next, at 10 o'clock a. m., at the Court House, in the city of Columbia, S. C., two SQUARES OF LAND in said city, containing four acres each—one lot bounded as follows: On the North, by Plain street; on the East, by Winn street; on the South, by Washington street; on the West, by Barnwell street. The other square, or lot, bounded as follows: On the North, by Blanding street; on the South, by Taylor street; on the East, by Laurens street; and on the West, by Winn street.

One of these squares is so situated as to be a most eligible location for private residences; the other square, opposite the depot of the Columbia and Charlotte Railroad, is well situated for stores or business establishments. These squares, or lots, will be so sub-divided as to suit purchasers, as well those who seek investment as those who desire to provide themselves a comfortable home. A map, with the lots numbered, can be seen at my office.

TERMS.—One-fourth cash; balance on a credit of one, two and three years, with interest payable annually until the whole debt be paid, secured by bond and mortgage of the premises. Purchasers to pay for papers. D. B. DESAUSURE, C. E. R. D. Nov 28

FOR SALE,

TWO LOTS at Elmwood Cemetery, Nos. 2 and 3, of square No. 4, 1,020 superficial feet. Inquire at this office. Dec 19 5