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Important to Planters and Others.

Lieut. H. W. Fields, Twelfth Virginia Infantry, has furnished for the Petersburg Express the following valuable and expeditious recipe for preparing leather dressed with the hair on. He vouches for the stability and duration of the leather thus prepared, and refers to high authority for the truth of his averment, as well as to soldiers who have worn shoes made from it. We, therefore, publish it for the benefit of farmers and individuals who may have hides to tan, and recommend that they test it. The hides are not only quickly tanned, but the leather when prepared bears a most favorable comparison with the best produced by the long and tedious process in vogue in England and in this country. Many of the soldiers in one, if not in more of the brigades of this army have used shoes made from this leather for months past, and pronounce them superior, as regards comfort and quality, to the English and American army shoe.

MODE OF PREPARING LEATHER DRESSED WITH HAIR ON.

1st. If hides are old, hard and dry, soak them in pure water about two or three days.

2d. When well soaked, or when fresh hides, flesh them thoroughly.

3d. Prepare a pickle made of 3 lbs alum, and 5 lbs common salt to a pint of water, enough to dissolve the salts for each hide; this is an average proportion.

For a very large single old hide, 3 1-2 lbs alum and 8 lbs salt, may be necessary; whereas for a small calf hide, 3-4 lb alum and 2 lbs salt may be enough. But for a pack of 25 hides unsorted, of all sizes, and conditions, the average is as above.

4th. Soak the fleshed hides in this pickle from 3 to 10 days, more or less, according to condition of hides.

5th. Soak them again 2 or 3 days in pure water to take out the salt.

6th. When about half dry break them with the proper carrier's breaking knives.

7th. Smoke them, flesh side down, say 8 or 10 days over hard wood, (hickory or oak) smother, continuing to break and roll and grind them in succession.

8th. Boil the neatsfeet for oil; save the oil and lubricate the hides with the jelly and greasy water breaking, them all the time.

9th. Dress and finish off.

The small hides, thin and fresh, can be finished in from six to eight days. Medium size hides in good condition, from twelve to fifteen days. The largest and worst conditioned hides can be finished in from eighteen to twenty days. It is recommended to take from eighteen to twenty days for all. If you want the hair off, soak in lime water first until the hair slough; but then you must be careful to thoroughly work the lime out, or it will eat the fibre of the leather.

The leather is best with the hair on. It makes the best and most comfortable shoe—soles and all. Put the hair of the uppers inside; and of the soles—put upper sole hair out, and outer sole hair in, thus fill the soles with the best of water proofing and making the soles the more elastic and lasting.

With the hair on it is especially best for saddle covers, stirrup leathers, shabracks, traces, horse collars, caps, gloves, sentinel coats, halters, trunk covers, and every use known.

Among other South Carolina officers confined on Morris Island are the following: Capt. J. M. Mulvany, 27th; Major Zeigler, Holcombe Legion; Captain Thos. Pinckney, Major Hummel, Lieutenant Epps, 4th Cavalry; Lieutenant Bissell, 2d Infantry; Lieut. T. W. Easterling, Captain Meacham, 5th Infantry; Captain W. L. Campbell, 11th.

CAMDEN DAILY JOURNAL.

WEDNESDAY MORNING OCT. 12.

A telegram from Port Royal says that Gen. Foster has ordered a draft of all the colored citizens in his department.

FEMALE CLERKS.—We learn that Lieut. Col. F. L. CHILDS, commandant of the C. S. Arsenal at Fayetteville, N. C., has inaugurated the system of employing female clerks to do the work of men detailed for that purpose.

HOOD'S WORK.—It is stated that Gen. HOOD is tearing up the tracks of the Georgia, Macon and West Point roads. Seventy miles, it is stated, of the Georgia road will be torn up, and the Macon road to Griffin and the West Point road to Newnan.

A Richmond correspondent says there is a great demand for small farms in the vicinity of the city, some of which rent as high as \$3,000 per annum. No wonder, when a bushel of sweet potatoes sell for \$80, and other things in proportion.

MORE BEEF FOR HOOD'S ARMY.—We have reliable intelligence, says the *Mississippian*, that a drove of 3,000 beef cattle from Texas were driven safely across the Mississippi river, at a point not necessary to mention, several days since, and are now on their way to Hood's army.

The election, held on yesterday, passed off without any excitement, though there was an unusual large gathering, and a larger number of votes polled than usual—which might be attributed to the fact that the Examining Board called a great many from the various other precincts of the district. To-morrow we will be able to present to our readers the result in full.

REPORTED CAPTURE OF GEN. HAMPTON AND STAFF.

—The *Augusta Constitutionalist* of Saturday says: "A painful rumor reaches us that this distinguished leader and staff have been captured, on the north side of the James, while making a charge upon the enemy's lines. We trust that there may be some mistake in this report, but our source of information also banishes hope." It cannot be otherwise than a hoax.

ARMY OF TENNESSEE.—As the enemy are fully apprised of all Gen. HOOD's movements by this time, it is not surprising to state that the Army of Tennessee is now posted across the Western & Atlantic railroad at Acworth station, twelve miles above Marietta, and thirty-three miles from Atlanta. The evacuation of Atlanta is therefore now a work of necessity, and what shall come after we shall see. SHERMAN must make a movement, either forward or back, in the course of a very few days. Our best army officers entertain no fears of its being directed against either Augusta or Macon.

ATTEMPT TO ESCAPE.—Cannon firing was heard yesterday afternoon, between 5 and 6, o'clock, in the direction of the new prison camp across the river. It was supposed to be for practice, or to clean the guns. But an ugly rumor prevailed late last night, that some of the prisoners had made an attempt to escape, and disregarded the muskets which were discharged at them to prevent their design. It became necessary to use cannon, and after three or four rounds, which killed half a dozen, and wounded more, quiet was restored, and the attempt abandoned. The guard of the prison on duty yesterday was small, consisting of the Arsenal Cadets and a detachment of Capt. Keating's company.

We have not been able to verify this report. It purports to come from a person who was present and saw the scene.—*Guardian* of Saturday.

HOTEL PRICES IN WASHINGTON.—Artemus Ward says: "I went to Washington and put up at a leading hotel, where seeing the landlord, I accosted him with 'How d'ey do, squire?' 'fifty cents, was his reply. 'Sir?' 'half a dollar. We charge twenty-five cents for lookin' at the landlord, and fifty for speaking to him. If you want supper, a boy will show you the dining room for twenty-five cents.—Your bein' in the tenth story it will cost you a dollar to be shown up there.' 'How much do you ax a man for breathin' in this equinomial tavern?' said I. 'Ten cents a breath' was the reply.

Artemus' remarks would apply remarkably well to this latitude.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH.

REPORTS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Entered according to the Act of Congress in the year 1863, by J. S. THURGOOD, in the Clerk's office of the District Court of the Confederate States for the Northern District of Georgia.

FROM MOBILE.

Special despatches from Senators the 9th. The Memphis Argus of the 8th contains Missouri news of the 5th. Price had advanced with 3 columns, including Marmaduke's force of 5200 and Shelby's of 1500, and took a more northern route, principally on the railroad, which was badly damaged—especially the South branch and main Pacific road, with a train of 200 wagons. A. J. Smith was at Franklin. All quiet in the city, though telegraphic communication was interrupted. Ewing reported to have arrived at Etown. Rumors prevail of Guerillas moving with great rapidity.

FROM THE WEST.

LAGRANGE, Oct 11.—The flank movement of Gen. Hood upon Atlanta has so far been completely successful. The Railroad from Big Shanty to Kingston has been utterly destroyed—even the cuts filled up, and all the garrisons along that distance captured. On last Wednesday French's division of Stewart's corps made an attack upon Altoona, which failed—the whole corps subsequently went to his assistance, when the town was captured by assault, and four thousand prisoners taken, together with an immense quantity of materials of war. Our army was on the Kingston and Rome Railroad at last accounts. Gen. Beauregard is with Gen. Hood. Slocum's 26th army corps now hold Atlanta. The rest of Sherman's army has gone up the road. There is no cavalry at Atlanta. Gen. Iverson captured West Point the other day, taking 50 wagons in good condition, and the wrecks of a great many more. Iverson's forces are within one mile of the city, and will either kill or capture every Yankee that ventures outside the main works. Sherman is beyond the Chattahoochee cut off from his main army. Thomas is in command. The evacuation of Atlanta is looked for every day. The enemy have no stock with which to haul artillery or commissary, and no railroad. The Augusta Dispatch says, Hood's movements had been anticipated and checkmated.

Nashville dates of the 4th say Forrest was destroying the Alabama and Tennessee railroad and had advanced to Duck Run and Spring Hill, and went towards Florence. Guerilla bands are numerous—capturing commissary and foraging trains, disabling wagons, carrying off mules and capturing two upward bound freight trains between Nashville and Louisville. Communication is open to Chattanooga. A large force is at work on the Alabama and Tennessee railroad. Cars would be running to Pulaski within a week. Reports from Chattanooga says, a portion of Forrest's forces captured Dalton.

The N. Y. Herald, of September 26, contains but little war news of importance. The first thing that meets the eye in the first column, is a terrible Yankee lie in glaring capitals thus: "Peace propositions tendered by Gov. Brown, of Georgia!" under which it says: "Gov. Brown, of Georgia, has offered to Gen. Sherman propositions for peace, notwithstanding the assertion of Eastern correspondent to the contrary."

In addition to this the Herald, in its situation article, says:

"We were apprised, several weeks ago, that emissaries from Gov. Brown had reached Washington with propositions for an adjustment, but as to the precise nature of the propositions they had to present, or the authority they possessed to negotiate, we are not informed.

CONFEDERATE IRON.—The Columbus Sun says: Since the war commenced, there has been throughout the country a great scarcity of iron suitable for plantation purposes. A manufactory has been established at Hartsville, Alabama, for the purpose of making by the quantity this much needed article. The iron is made into bars of different lengths and sizes to suit the needs of planters, as plows, shovels or any articles that may be wanted by hammering. Competent and reliable judges, who have thoroughly tested it, pronounce this metal far superior to any wrought iron, and in hardness, toughness and elasticity almost, if not fully equal to the best of Swedes iron, which always commanded a higher price in market than any other kind. This iron, too, can be very readily and quickly made into steel. In all respects it is said to be, for plantation purposes, very superior, and to answer admirably every need. The company is now making about 6,000 pounds of iron per week, and soon will be able to treble this amount. Specimens can be seen at the Nail Works in Girard. Iron will be exchanged for provisions.

"Well, what will old Linkum do next?" said a farmer in the Tar State. "I reckon he'll have another battle, and I hope our boys will gain the victim," answered his daughter Sarah Ann Matilda Jane.

War Tax Office.

CAMDEN, S. C., October 12th, 1864.

WAREHOUSEMEN, PLANTERS AND OTHERS having cotton or any other property in their possession belonging to non-residents of the District are hereby required to report the same to us, in order that the taxes may be accounted for, either by the owners or their agents.

JOHN GANTLEY, Assessor.
R. M. KENNEDY, Clerk.

Oct 12

Commissary Notice

PARTIES ARE NOTIFIED THAT IF THEY will sell their syrup to the government I will pay \$8 per gallon, and furnish the barrels.

J. H. DEVEREAUX, Capt. & C.

Oct 12

Depot Soldier's Board Relief

CAMDEN, S. C. Oct 12, 1864.

ALL PERSONS WHO HAVE NOT PAID THEIR two (2) per cent Tax in corn, wheat and rice, will please deliver it at once, without further notice. By order of Maj. JNO. M. DESAUSSE, Chairman. Oct. 12 2w J. M. GAYLE, Agent.

LOST.

ON LAST EVENING, A SMALL BLACK POCKET BOOK, containing between one hundred and seventy-five and two hundred dollars; also containing two small keys. It was lost between the hours of 4 and 5 p. m., between the store of Mrs. McLeish and the residence of Mr. S. Shiver. A liberal reward will be paid to any one finding the same, and leaving it at the Journal office. Oct. 11

Piano Tuning and Repairing.

JOSEPH FREY, FROM CHARLESTON, informs the ladies and gentlemen of Camden that he is here, prepared to Tune and Repair Pianos and Organs.

Orders left at the DeKalb Hotel will be promptly attended to. October 10

Council Notice

THE TOWN AUTHORITIES HAVING CONTRACTED with a party to cut all grass and weeds in the Cemetery, (outside private lots) do hereby forbid any one else cutting grass within the enclosure. By order of Council. R. M. KENNEDY, Clerk of Council. Oct. 7

Roads

THE COMMISSIONERS OF ROADS FOR KERSHAW District will meet in Camden, on the fourth Monday in October, at 11 o'clock.

COLIN MCKEAE, Clerk. Oct 7 11w.td.

ALL PERSONS INDEBTED TO THE ESTATE of Richard Hyatt, will please make payment, and those having claims against said estate will present them properly attested to, E. BARNES, Administrator. Oct. 8 3w

Notice

EITHER STRAYED OR STOLEN LAST MONDAY—A white and black spotted MILCH COW and a gray colored HEIFER two years old. Any information leading to the recovery of the same will be liberally rewarded. JOHN H. JUNGBLUTH, DeKalb House. Oct 8