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WHAT SOUTH CAROLINA MAY EXPECT.

THE VANDALS IN MILLEDGEVILLE.

MILLEDGEVILLE, November 27, 1864.

SIR:—For public information we drop you a line or two from this point, that it may be known what the Federal army has done in passing through this place. The first appearance of Sherman's cavalry in our city was on the 20th, not more than twenty men first making their appearance. They lingered on the outskirts of the town, cut the telegraph wires, and after inquiring if any of Wheeler's men were here, and being answered in the negative, advanced through the streets with cocked pistols and carbines, seizing horses and exciting no little consternation and alarm. By Monday afternoon Slocum's corps began to come in by way of Social Circle, Madison and Eatonton, and the other divisions under him by way of Monticello. Sherman's forces came in by the way of Clinton on Tuesday and Wednesday.

The columns visiting Milledgeville composed the 14th and 20th corps, and it is thought numbered some twenty thousand muskets, with corresponding artillery and several thousand wagons. These wagons were mostly loaded with provisions, the army subsisting on what they found on their way in the country. They spread desolation broadcast—taking everything in their way in the breadth of about twenty miles. Corn, fodder, meal, flour, horses, mules, hogs, cattle, sheep, poultry of every description, servants that could be enticed and forced off, and these in great numbers. The last of the army left on Friday forenoon, destroying in its rear the bridge over the Oconee at this place, having previously burnt the Arsenal with three thousand stand of arms, in it blew up the Magazine and burnt the Rail Road Depot. The Penitentiary was burnt by some of the convicts, said to be the women. The rail road has been destroyed for about two and a half miles from this towards Gordon, and for about four miles from Gordon in this direction.

We are informed that the road between this and Eatonton was undisturbed except the bridge across Little river, which was burned with the depot at Eatonton. The State House, the Executive Mansion, the Factory and the Asylum are left standing, though all but the latter dismantled. The Churches were entered and materially damaged. The only private residences burnt were those of John Jones, State Treasurer, and Mr. Gibbs, formerly Col. Campbell's. This was done, it is said, by a mob of the soldiers, because he was a South Carolinian. All his household furniture was burnt, and his silver ware taken to the amount of about \$20,000. The city being one vast camp, fences became fuel, gardens and private yards became highways for horses and men—hence our city now presents a forlorn appearance.

The materials of the Southern Recorder and Confederate Union were successfully concealed in the country, but some time must elapse before the offices can be again put in operation. We have now no mail facilities except by couriers to your city.

As your city has been spared, we hope some method may be adopted by which the distressed with us may be supplied with provisions, as the community are left without food or means of transportation.

We need not undertake to describe the scenes of the past week. God grant they never be repeated. R. M. ORME, SEN.

N. B.—We hear of a great many private dwellings, gun houses, and much cotton being burnt by the enemy on their different routes

within sight. Also that several privates were shot. It is, however, due to the Federals to say that they respected families in our city, within doors, but at the same time robbed them of all without. In the country, families were frequently ill-treated, and their houses also sacked.

I omitted to state in the proper place that the State House and Executive mansion were, after consultation on the part of Sherman and other Generals, left standing on the ground that Georgia, within six months, would be again a part of the United States through State action. A staff officer repeatedly asserted that they knew that the State would go back. We believe they are mistaken for judging of the effect of their vandalism on Milledgeville. We believe the State will be a unit, as we are, in increased hatred to them. Loss of property has only united and bound us more closely in determined resistance even to death.

R. M. O.

The Charleston Courier says with reference to the above:

The Mr. Gibbs alluded to by the correspondent is Mr. Joseph S. Gibbs, refugee from our coast, father of our fellow-citizen, James S. Gibbs, Esq., of this city. Mr. Gibbs is seventy-five years of age, and his wife is blind. They had their two daughters with them when they escaped from their residence barely with their lives. Their furniture, clothing, silver plate to the amount of \$25,000, were taken from them with one hundred and twenty-five slaves. Let every Carolinian remember that Mr. Gibbs' residence was destroyed because he was a South Carolinian. Let this brutality to the aged and infirm inspire the deeds of our soldiers in the field. Let those who refuse to lend their State their aid in any way, need not bear in mind that Sherman has declared that he "would not, if he could, restrain the fury of his soldiers when he entered South Carolina with his army."

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FRIDAY MORNING DEC. 16

Mr. PEQUES informs us that it is impossible to secure postage stamps at this time, and that he will take pleasure in stamping envelopes for any person leaving them with him during office hours.

As a Camp Can for Gen. KERSHAW has been sent on to him by the ladies of Columbia, the funds in the hands of this Association, collected for that purpose, will be refunded by Miss CRESWELL. This sum amounts to \$127.

THE FLORIDA AFFAIR.—The Yankee tricks with regard to the "Florida" affair are not likely to avail it anything. Information has been received on undoubted authority, that Brazil has notified the United States that she will make the seizure a *casus belli* unless the crew and vessel are restored an ample apology made for the outrage. In this it is further understood that she will be supported by England and France.

CLOTHING FOR THE CONFEDERATE PRISONERS.—Col. OULD, Commissioner of Exchange, has received official information that General BEANE, of the Confederate Army, a prisoner of war, has been paroled by the Yankee authorities and assigned to the duty of superintending the arrangements for distributing to the Confederate prisoners the clothing to be furnished them under the late agreement between the Confederate and Federal Governments. The arrangements are nearly completed.

THE DEKALB HOUSE FOR SALE.—We see by the Columbia papers, that the DeKalb House of this place will be offered for sale, with its furniture, at public auction, on the 22d inst. We trust some enterprising and popular caterer may be the purchaser—in fact we have been impressed with the idea that it was made obligatory on the present owner not to dispose of it for any other purpose, and we do not know that it is his intention to do so, and only revert to it, knowing that a large number of our good citizens feel interested in seeing it used as a public house—the object for which it was originally built and furnished.

BROKE JAIL.—A notorious horse thief, calling himself GEORGE BUCHANAN, JOHN STEVENS, and several other names that we have been unable to learn, has been charged with stealing horses, and some two or three pistols from Mr. MUNROE CROWELL, of this district. Two women, residing in the suburbs of this

town, have been arrested on the charge of having been accessory in his making good his escape. He has been confined in the jail at Camden since the 4th of November last—is said to be about 28 or 30 years old, light complexion, five feet ten or eleven inches high, of rather heavy build, with light sandy hair, quick spoken, and with an air of braggadocio.

The Ladies' Aid Association acknowledge the following donations for December:

Twenty dollars from Mrs. WILLIAM PECK; six pair cotton socks, Mrs. JOHN WHITAKER; three pair woolen socks, Miss SALLY WHITAKER.

The Association return their thanks to the citizens of Camden and its vicinity for their prompt response to the call in behalf of the 7th Regimental hospital. One tierce and three barrels of supplies were sent on Monday to the Central Committee, to be forwarded to Richmond. In money, \$349, collected, with which the Aid Association purpose purchasing syrup for the hospital.

FROM SAVANNAH—FALL OF FORT McALISTER.—The Charleston Mercury of yesterday says: We have no very full budget of intelligence from Savannah, Sherman seems, for the present, to have abandoned the direct attack on the city, and appears to be turning his attention to the reduction of the outworks.

We regret to announce the fall of Fort McAlister.—That post was carried early yesterday morning by assault, in which a heavy column of Sherman's best troops participated. It is believed that the enemy will next make a desperate effort to gain possession of Genesis Point.

The news given above is perfectly authentic, but we have heard no details of the assault or of the casualties.

Along the line of the Charleston and Savannah Railroad all continues quiet.

DESERTERS ARRESTED.—Two deserters, claiming to belong to the Foreign Legion, stationed in Columbia at this time, calling themselves JAMES MCKENZIE and WM. RAINET, were arrested on Monday evening last, and are in limbo. Two executions having taken place within the past few days, in the same legion—one for desertion, the other for disorderly conduct—should have been a warning to all others inclined to brave our laws and camp discipline. They will no doubt meet the same just reward for disobedience of orders and treachery to the government that had received them as loyal citizens. We have always disapproved of taking into our ranks those who have served under Yankee rule, and who had taken the oath of allegiance to our government. We have no faith in such loyalty, and believe it, as has already been proven in many instances, to be a short-sighted policy on the part of our government to have inaugurated and sustained such a system.

THE TWO GOVERNORS.—The Carolinian of yesterday says: The Legislature, yesterday, in the person of Hon. A. G. MAGRATH, elected a successor to the gubernatorial chair, which for two years has been occupied by his Excellency Gov. M. L. BONHAM. The new incumbent brings to his office abilities of no common order. A graduate of South Carolina College in 1831, in the class of the lamented THORNWELL, in which he was the recipient of the third honor, his career from that time until the present has been steadily upward. As counsellor and judge, his decisions have won from his brethren of the bar more than respect—Strong-minded, resolute, independent and self-reliant in character, identified in principle with the welfare of the whole State, her laws and her institutions, her wants and capacity, we anticipate at his hands a vigorous, but just administration of her government.

In retiring, with his well worn honors, Gov. BONHAM carries with him from his office the warmest regards both of his personal friends and the people at large. If no salient point stands out as a landmark of his administration of public affairs, it is because their course, during the past two years, has been smooth and untroubled. The public approbation of his conduct is none the less sincere and general. Prompt in the discharge of his official duties, the type of a chivalric gentleman, courteous, yet firm in the fulfillment of all the relations of life, our citizens will miss him from the sphere in which they have learned to know and appreciate true manhood; and the "well done, good and faithful servant" will be a benediction echoed in every heart.

Never suffer your children to require service from others which they can perform themselves. A strict observance of the rules will be of incalculable advantage to them in every period of life.

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

REPORTS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

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

FROM RICHMOND:

LYNCHBURG, December 14.—Passengers by the Western train to-night report a raid on the Virginia and Tennessee railroad at Bristol. The enemy, supposed to be a portion of Burbridge's command, from Bean's station, advanced rapidly and entered the town at five o'clock this morning, destroyed a considerable quantity of government stores, engines and trains of cars of the East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad. The Eastern bound passenger train of the road was captured between Bristol and Abingdon. No positive information of the enemy's number received—supposed to be five or six thousand, a portion of whom are said still to occupy the place. A body of the enemy returning towards Bean's station, encountered our forces at Zollicoffer, a station on East Tennessee and Virginia railroad, west of Bristol, where a fight was progressing at last accounts.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday, the 14th inst., at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. J. L. SUTTON, Clerk of the Peace, Miss JANE E. YOUNG, eldest daughter of S. H. YOUNG, Esq., all of this district.

OBITUARY

Died, of diphtheria, November 17, 1864, EUGENE AUGUSTUS, second son of William T. and Dora S. McFENT, aged six years.

Eugene was a bright little boy, remarkably gentle and affectionate. He loved the Sunday school, endeared himself to his teacher and pastor by his admirable deportment, and was the pride of his father and the joy of his mother's heart. Eugene and his elder brother, Willy, were like twins, devoted to each other and inseparable companions. His death almost broke Willy's heart. When it was evident that Eugene would die, Willy expressed a passionate desire to descend with him to the grave, saying to his mother: "Mamma, I would be willing to be shot, to die before my brother. I can't bear to be left alone." "Lovely boys! May they meet in the beautiful world!" W. T. C.

With the summer birds flitting, our darling has left us,
Winging his flight to a happier land;
With the fading of flowers, cold Death has bereft us
Of the one that was gayest in our bright, happy band.
We shall never see him—our Gents—our darling—
In the sweet morn of childhood he has gone to his rest;
But above—when the Saviour shall open unto us—
We shall see him and know him in the land of the blest.

Auction Sale.

I WILL SELL IN FRONT OF THE MARKET ON Saturday the 17th inst. A good horse, one mare and one mule, and other articles. A No. 1 office stove will be sold at the same time and place, and can be seen at the store of J. M. Gayle.

Terms cash.
J. K. WITHERSPOON,
Dec. 13 5 Auctioneer.

Found.

A GOLD SEAL AND WATCH KEY, WHICH the owner can have by calling at A. T. Latta's old stand, proving property and paying the expense of advertising. dec 15-2

Liverpool Salt.

FIFTY SACKS GENUINE LIVERPOOL SALT on Consignment and for sale by
Dec. 11-10. MATHESON & CO.

Notice.

ALL PARTIES HAVING CLAIMS AGAINST the Commissary Department for HIDES will come forward and receive them. I am now prepared to settle all claims. Apply to
J. F. SUTHERLAND, D.
dec 14-3rd 3w. Supt. C. S., at Magazine Hill.

For Sale.

A NO. 1 COOK WASHER AND IRONER. AL- SD, another superior, if possible, to the other. She has one child. For particulars apply to
December 16-1f D. D. HOCOTT.