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RAYMOND ON SHERMAN.—The able strategist and profound tactician, in a frock coat and beaver hat, who manages the columns of the New York "Times," thus maps out Grant's "stupendous combinations," and prepares the Yankee mind for Sherman's future movements.

General Sherman, with that iron-clad army of his, has lately been making significant demonstrations toward various important points in the State of South Carolina; and the opinion of his forthcoming campaign that is generally entertained is, that he will strike across the Carolinas as he struck across Georgia, and join Gen. Grant in Virginia, in which State, our great combined army will make the final assault upon the last remaining army of the Southern rebellion. The vastness of this scheme is such as to lead timid people to doubt its feasibility; but in view of what Sherman has already accomplished, and in the light of his remark recently made at Savannah, that his "army can now march anywhere over the South and do anything," we see no reason to doubt that the work can and will be done. Now, if Jeff. Davis looks at his map, he will, at once, see that if Gen. Sherman takes Branchville, which he is now threatening, both Charleston and Columbia will be in a very bad way, and the next points of his Northward march would be Kingsville and Florence.

When at the latter point, he would nearly have got across one of the Carolinas, and the broad surface of old North State would lie before him. The vast importance of Wilmington in his onward march is now evident at a glance. It lies in a direct line by railroad, East of Florence, and would at once furnish Sherman a new base and starting point in his onward march through North Carolina. In this view it is that we see by far the greatest importance of our success at Wilmington and by far the greatest necessity for the capture of the city itself.

MOBILE TO BE ATTACKED.—The report that a large number of Federal transports had passed down the Mississippi, and that an expedition, of fitting out in New Orleans, to be landed at Pascagoula, excites some little apprehension in Mobile. The Tribune of Sunday says: Mobile, of course, is their expected destination. We have reason to believe that there is some truth in this report, for we have been told by several of the returned Fort Gaines prisoners that the Yankees just before they left New Orleans and ship Island, declared that Mobile was doomed city, and that they intended to take it shortly; so probably they are preparing to carry their threats into execution.—*Chronicle & Sentinel of Thursday*

A GALLANT AFFAIR.—The Lynchburg "Republican" says that a few days since Captain Richards, of Mosby's command, with sixty-nine men, attacked near Berry's Ferry, a force of 120 Yankees, and in a close fight, without the loss of a man on his part, killed, wounded and captured eighty-seven of the enemy. The killed and wounded were between forty and fifty. The escape of Capt. R's men is as remarkable as the execution upon the enemy, and shows the advantage of combined coolness and dash.

An exchange asks the pertinent question, whether Mayor Arnold, who presided at the so-called citizens' meeting in Savannah, is a descendant of Benedict Arnold, of Revolutionary fame?

THE CAMDEN JOURNAL.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, FEB. 1

The Branch Bank will be closed this day at 1 o'clock.

RATHER STEEP.—We are informed that flour is selling at eight hundred dollars per barrel in Richmond.

NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE.—The North Carolina Legislature re-assembled on Tuesday. Important topics relating to the condition of the country will be freely discussed. An exempting session is anticipated.

The attention of the Stockholders of the South Carolina Railroad Company and of the South Western Railroad Bank is requested to the notice of the Annual Meeting on the 14th instant, particularly that portion of it requiring new proxies for the election of Directors.

The London Times, alluding to the present attitude of the United States to Canada, says: In the present state of Northern feeling there is much reason to apprehend some outrage which may render a rupture inevitable. The Americans neither appreciate the strength of England nor understand the inability with which a war would be prosecuted if forced upon a reluctant government and nation, and the first result of that war would be the immediate and irrevocable establishment of Southern independence.

ARRIVAL OF CAPT. SEMMES.—Capt. Raphael Semmes, whose arrival in the Confederacy had been previously announced, is now in Richmond. The gallant Captain is looking as hale as ever, and his many friends will be pleased to learn that he has accomplished his long and tedious journey homeward in safety. We are not informed, says the "Whig," of the Captain's movements, but the country can ill spare him from that sphere of usefulness in which he has made so great a reputation for himself and so gloriously defended the country's cause.

COLD WEATHER AND SKATING ON THE ICE.—Thermometer at sunrise:

January 25—Wednesday	15.
" 26—Thursday	18.
" 27—Friday	12.
" 28—Saturday	20.
" 29—Sunday	14.
" 30—Monday	16.
" 31—Tuesday	18.

Average temperature 16 degrees.

The smaller mill ponds are covered with thick ice, and skating parties have been enjoying themselves in this pleasant and exhilarating exercise for several days.

Wednesday, Feb. 1, 1865.

Gens. HAMPTON and BUTLER, with their gallant Legion's, have "begged" to come to this State to fight for our homes and our property. Their request was granted for the government knew that South Carolina needed fighting men, and these veteran troops furnished them. Fifteen hundred of these heroes of forty fields are dismounted—they need horses to protect our homes and property. Will not every man who has a horse that he can do without—not that he can conveniently spare—sell him to the government at a moderate price, rather than keep him to consume grain needed by the army, or to sell him for a fancy price, and thus risk all. We are authorized to say that Col. SHANNON, at the Branch Bank, will gladly receive and forward the names of all who will furnish horses.

FROM THE ROAD.—The enemy on the West side of the Savannah river at last accounts were reported moving in two columns on all the roads leading to Augusta. They had reached Springfield Saturday. No Yankee gunboats were reported at Sister's Ferry Saturday.

A dispatch received Sunday, dated January 28th, says: "Our scouts report the enemy's infantry camped near Ennis Cross Roads. This force had their wagon trains with them. It was not known which way they would march, as the force and wagons were moving in both directions."

A reconnoitering party of the enemy, appeared within four miles of Robertsville, S. C., Saturday morning.

It is generally believed that Sherman has commenced a movement on Branchville.

On the coast below our lines the enemy are reported burning all the country residences on their route, and destroying everything as they go. Loring last week they carried off forty of Mr. Blake's negroes.—*Courier of Monday*

MORTALITY IN THE CAMDEN BRANCH OF THE BANK OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA.—The battle field does not alone afford a rich harvest for the sowers of death. Day by day in the quiet, peaceful circles of retired life, are we forcibly reminded of the uncertain tenure of the "brittle thread."

A few years since, and in the community within our knowledge were there so large a proportion of venerable and most estimable citizens as in the town of Camden. One by one they have dropped off in quick succession, until now but few of these noble silver-haired old gentlemen, whom it was the delight of all to reverence and honor, remain. We trust that, when we are blessed with returning peace and quiet, some competent pen will make a permanent and appreciative record of the lives and usefulness of the many noble citizens who have in the past gone from among us—that record cannot be made in the pages of a newspaper.

Our thoughts are turned in this direction especially to-day, in consideration of the remarkable mortality which has prevailed within but little more than a year in the Branch of the Bank of the State of South Carolina in this town. This institution has, for more than forty years been greatly valued and prized by this community, not only for the liberal and useful policy it has invariably pursued, but also because it has always, fortunately had a corps of officers who had not only well and thoroughly discharged their duty to the Bank, but in a manner most acceptable and agreeable to all whose business gave them occasion to associate with them in these relations. So marked has this fact been that of all the officers of this bank whom we can recall, they were as prominent for social merit, worth and position as for their business qualities, which so admirably fitted them for their responsible offices. Our space will not admit of an extended review, but the point is illustrated by the mere mention of the names of THOS. SALMOND, JAMES W. CAATEY, DANIEL L. DESAUSURE and JOSHUA REYNOLDS, amongst its oldest officers. But the train of thought that arises in connection with this cherished institution leads us to ramble in the far past. Our present purpose is with recent events, and we can here only give a mere record of departed excellence, which richly deserves a more, extended and permanent one.

On the 2d of December, 1863, CHARLES J. SHANNON, President of this bank, died in the 71st year of his age—full of years, usefulness and honor—his white locks almost the only mark of age. His whole manhood had been spent in the service of this community, and no citizen in our old town ever lived more esteemed or died more lamented.

Within three weeks, on the 22d of December 1863, JOSEPH W. DOBY, the Cashier, in the very prime of life and in the midst of his usefulness, followed to the grave the president, between whom and himself such cordial relations existed, and whose vacant chair he was just about to occupy. Mr. DOBY was a native of this town, and his rare qualities made him equally eminent and valued in the business and social walks of life.

But a few weeks had gone by—new links in the circle at the bank had been formed, but they were of old friends, and the order of business went on as usual, though the absent ones were often recalled around the Board, in conversation, while the "minutes" which recorded these deaths were often gazed on—when suddenly another bright link was broken in the newly mended chain. LEMUEL LAWRENCE WHITAKER's name was the synonym of all that is good and excellent in both public and private life. A more faithful officer this bank never had; and a more guileless or truer man never lived.

But the record stops not yet. NEIL D. BAXLEY, long known most favorably to this community, first as the pioneer agent of the South Carolina Railroad; then for many years as Teller of the Bank of Camden, was elected Cashier in place of Mr. DOBY, and his enlarged sphere of usefulness gave him increased opportunity to illustrate those qualities which were so well known, and which were so truly and well appreciated by the community, and more especially by his intimate associates, either in business or private life. On the 25th of January, 1865, this most estimable man and officer sank into his grave.

But a few days since we followed him to his grave—co-day we bear to the quiet cemetery all that remains of JESSE S. NETTLES, late-Discount Clerk of the same bank, and for thirty years an officer of this institution—before that time a public officer of the district. Few men were so well known and universally beloved—prompt and capable as an officer, his duties were always well done; and while the frosts of seventy winters had whitened his locks and somewhat bent his form, his smile was as genial as the bright sunshine, and though his humor was chastened by true and humble christianity, it was as rich as in the "good old times" of which few now are left to tell us. His death was illustrative of his life—honest, true, confiding. Ipsatiate archer! is not thy quiver yet exhausted?

LATEST BY TELEGRAPH

REPORTS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.
 Entered according to the Act of Congress, in the year 1863, by J. S. THURMAN, in the Clerk's office of the District Court of the Confederate States for the Northern District of Georgia.

FROM RICHMOND.
 RICHMOND, January 28.—The Senate to-day passed the bill authorizing the publication of newspapers free of postage to the soldiers, notwithstanding the President's objections. Yeas 13; nays 4. Nothing of importance done in the House.
 Gen. Breckinridge has been appointed Secretary of War. It is reported that Johnson of North Carolina, Vance's competitor for Governor when first elected, will be appointed Commissary General—vice Northrop, resigned.

FROM GEN. FOREST'S COMMAND—GREAT EXCITEMENT IN MEMPHIS—RUMORS OF ENGLISH RECOGNITION.
 VERONA, January 27.—Major-General Forrest's scouts from Orizaba report great excitement in Memphis on account of late recognition rumors. The English Premier, it is said, has notified LINCOLN that he would recognize him after the 4th of March as President of those States only that voted for him. The English Government has ordered the seizure of all the American vessels at Nassau. The above are the reports in Memphis.

LATE FROM SHERMAN—HE REPORTED MOVING ON CHARLESTON AND BRANCHVILLE.

MACON, January 28.—Private advices from Savannah state that SHERMAN commenced his march on South Carolina on the 17th inst with three columns.

The main column is moving towards Charleston, taking nearly all the transportation.

The other columns, in light marching order are moving by separate roads towards Branchville.

Special Notice

FUNERAL NOTICE.
 THE FRIENDS AND ACQUAINTANCES OF Mr. and Mrs. JESSE S. NETTLES, are invited to attend the funeral services of the former, at the Baptist Church, this afternoon, at Three O'clock.

A VASE OF BEAUTIFUL SHELL FLOWERS.
 WILL BE RAFFLED AS SOON AS LIST OF chances is filled. It can be seen at the Book Store, and chances secured at
 Jan 27—4 MATHESON & CO.

Auction Sale.
 I WILL SELL AT THE MARKET HOUSE IN Camden, on Saturday the 4th inst.: Three fine young Mules, two Horses, one Buggy, one or two Wagons and Harness, Ploughs, &c.
 Terms cash on delivery of the property.
 B. SIKES,
 for W. B. SIKES.
 Feb. 1—2t

LOST.
 A FINE CAMEO BREADPEN. THE FINDER will be handsomely rewarded on its delivery at the Journal Office.
 W. J. GORDON.
 January 1

Plough Iron.
 FOR BARTER OR SALE AT
 February 1—4t MATHESON & CO.

ANY ONE WISHING TO EXCHANGE WILL find 60 pounds crush Sugar for 60 pounds corn by applying at the Depot.
 ALSO FOR SALE
 6 very superior second handed mohair mahogany Chairs, 1 marble top Table and one Whatnot at Mr. C. L. Chatten's. Also, a carpet, all wool, nearly new, containing 36 yds., at Mr. Chatten's.
 February 1