

Thursday, November 1, 1877.

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GENERAL BEDFORD FORREST, the great Confederate cavalry leader, died at Memphis, Tenn., on Tuesday evening.

EDWIN ADAMS the actor, is dead. His best role was Enoch Arden. For months past he had been a "ship-wrecked sailor waiting for a sail."

CONGRESS was convened for the special purpose of making an appropriation for the army. Two weeks have passed, and it hasn't said "army" once yet.

CASS CARPENTER was arrested at Elizabeth, New Jersey, on Tuesday. He was going about under the assumed name of "L. Cass Cupert." He was arrested on a requisition from Governor Hampton.

HON. JNO. H. EVINS has been placed on the Committee on Military Affairs, by Speaker Randall, and Hon. D. Wyatt Aiken on the Committee on Agriculture.

GARFIELD THINKS the more you sit down on the Democrat party, the more it will rise again. It will be remembered that Garfield is from Ohio.

CHARLES MINORT, colored member of the House from Richland, has resigned. Two years ago, he and Nash held the county in their hands. Now, none is so poor as to do him reverence.

MEN ARE strange animals. The Italian government has ordered a one hundred ton gun which will use a charge of four hundred and seventy-five pounds of powder and a projectile weighing two thousand two hundred and eighty pounds. The same government has all her scientists at work preparing a metal plate that will successfully resist the gun.

THE COMMISSION appointed to investigate the indebtedness of Richland, reports that the county owes \$31,000. It also reports that D. B. Miller had overcharged the county more than two thousand dollars for costs in the general sessions, the penalty for which is ten times the amount, or over twenty thousand dollars. The Phoenix says that it is reported that Col. Miller will appear in an article denying the charges made by the Commission.

The Taxes.

The action of the comptroller-general in giving fifteen days additional for the collection of taxes without the penalty is exceedingly gratifying to the thousands of impecunious taxpayers throughout the State. The alacrity with which the people of South Carolina responded to the call for the ten per cent. contribution was sufficient evidence of their willingness to pay their quota for the support of their administration—the first they had enjoyed in years. So the large sums now uncollected speak more eloquently than words of the hard times through which the people are passing, and of the impossibility of raising money to satisfy the demands of the government. Appreciating this, the comptroller-general is unwilling that they shall incur a penalty for not performing an impossibility. At the same time, it is hardly probable that there will be any additional extension after this. The taxpayers should therefore stretch every nerve to put themselves on the right side of the treasurer's account during the ensuing two weeks. While the State is liberal to her citizens, she needs money and must have it. Taxes had better be paid at once, in order to avoid the penalty.

The Chicago Inter-Ocean doesn't believe in Democratic economy. That is one of the great multitude of newspapers that insist upon "reform within the party" and—some Federal offices.

A DISASTROUS ASSAULT.

Captain Williams' Boat Attack upon Fort Sumter.

The Philadelphia Press publishes the following: Old Sumter seemed to be the great point of aggression for the South Atlantic squadron, and a number of attacks were made at different times and in various ways. Any change of squadron commanders was sure to bring an attack on the old fort. The most disastrous and seemingly badly planned was the assault made by boats during Admiral Dahlgren's administration, who conceived that the capture of that historical and well-battered pile by the naval forces would redound to the credit of that branch of the service, particularly as the country was ringing with the praise of "Gilmore's Swamp Angel," which had been playing havoc with the symmetrical lines and angles of the fort, and throwing shells into Charleston, five miles away. On the morning of September 8, 1874, Lieutenant Commander E. P. Williams (famously called "Barney" Williams) of the ship Wissahuckon, was designated by Admiral J. A. Dahlgren to command a division of boats in the proposed night assault upon Fort Sumter, which was to be made in launches and small boats, and was expected to be a severe hand-to-hand struggle. Captain Williams proceeded to obey the duty assigned to him; started with his vessel's outside of Charleston bar to collect from the different vessels on the blockade duty the quota of men and boats for the assault, which duty was satisfactorily performed, he returning about dusk, so that the Confederates would not suspect anything from the long string of boats astern. After his arrival with in the bar, the boats and crews assembled around the flag-ship Philadelphia, while the officers were arranging the preliminaries for the assault which was to be made in three divisions, the first under E. P. Williams, the second under Lieutenant Remy, and the third under Lieutenant Preston. The little fleet consisted of twenty-five boats; some of them very frail. They were taken in tow about midnight by the tug Daffodil, Acting Master John P. Carr. The order was that, on being "cast off from the tug," to pull quietly for the fort and land without firing. Every man was expected to take care of himself, each being armed for close work with a cutlass and Colt's navy revolver. The marines were armed with muskets, to cover the assaulting party while trying to gain a footing on the limited ground around the fort. After nearing the fort, the tug "backed and filled" a number of times, which led to some confusion, and the boats became entangled, which had a bad effect on the men, who, in open boats, were being pitched and tossed upon the sea in front of the grim old guardian which stood as a sentinel barring the approach to the much-coveted Charleston. The boats were finally cast loose, and the first division made boldly for the fort, Captain Williams in the lead. When within fifty yards of Sumter the sentinel hailed, but received no reply. He fired on the boats after the third challenge, when the casemates and ramparts became alive with men, the water was lit up by port fires, the sky illuminated with signal rockets, and showers of hand grenades, fire-balls, musketry and brick from the debris showered down upon the brave band of men below. The forts on James and Sullivan Islands opened upon the boats with grape and canister, cutting up and disabling most of them. The air was filled with screeching shells and whistling bullets, and the dying groans of the wounded, making a pandemonium. The rebel iron-clads Palmetto State and Chicora took an active part in scattering the invaders, who were compelled to pull in all directions to avoid capture. Ninety-five men and twelve officers were gobbled up by the Confederates. Of this number two deserted their flag and took the oath of allegiance to the Confederacy. The boats were armed with small howitzers, and the men, excepting the mariners, with revolver and cutlass. The policy of sending a handful of men thus armed to attempt the capture of one of the strongest United States built forts, made doubly so by the debris caused by the fearful cannonading given by Gilmore's guns on Morris Island, was severely criticised. There were no scaling ladders to reach the parapets after landing; our force had only to remain to be captured or killed—with revolvers to do what guns of the heaviest calibre had failed to accomplish, viz: reduce Fort Sumter to submission. The men who succeeded in landing found themselves upon a narrow ledge of a sharp rock. They succeeded in reaching the second tier of casemates, when it became apparent that no footing could be obtained, as there was no means at hand to reach

the top of the wall, the casemates projecting rendering it impossible to close with the rebels. The men sought protection from the storm of iron by stowing themselves in the holes made in the side of the fort by the Swamp Angel's fire and the batteries on Morris Island. After the action the assaulters who had landed were quietly taken prisoners. It was understood that the soldiers and iron-clads were to assist the boats, at least to cover them while landing, but no assistance was sent. Much amusement was had at the expense of the assailants. As the capture was supposed to be a sure thing, the officer of each boat quietly stowed away a United States flag, and quite a rivalry existed as to who should be the one to raise the flag on the staff of Sumter. It was believed that one boat had the original flag hauled down when Major Anderson capitulated to the Confederates. Some were saving their cigars to smoke on the ramparts after the work was completed. The men captured were very kindly treated by the garrison of Fort Sumter, but were afterwards sent to the "pens" at Columbia, S. C., where many died.

POST OFFICE DEFICIENCIES.—It is discovered that the post office department, in the matter of salaries alone, will present to Congress a deficiency of \$284,000 for the fiscal year, and ask for relief. As the salaries of postmasters are fixed by law, it is difficult to understand why there should be any deficiency, but Postmaster General Key says that Congress was fully informed that there would be a deficiency when the last appropriation bills were up, and that it is not the fault of the department. Other officers of the department say that the fault is with certain Democratic members of Congress, who wanted to make a great show of reductions in the appropriation bills for campaign purposes, even though they knew that a deficiency bill would have to be passed before the end of the year. The name of Randall is especially mentioned as one of the kind of Congressmen alluded to.

THE ARCTIC EXPLORERS.—The latest news of the Arctic explorer, Captain Tyson, of the Schooner Florence, now on a voyage toward the North Pole, is a letter received by his wife, in Washington city, dated Straits of Belleisle, August 20. All were well, but the crew had experienced dreadful weather since leaving New London, thick fogs and heavy gales. The letter was written in lead-pencil, and came by the way of Scotland, after being carried at sea for weeks by a sailing vessel.

Sheriff's Sales.

BY virtue of executions to me directed, I will offer for sale before the Court House door in Winnsboro, S. C., on the first Monday in November next, within the legal hours of sale, for CASH, the following described property, to wit: Fifteen hundred pounds of seed cotton, more or less, forty bushels of corn, more or less, and five hundred pounds of fodder, levied on as the property of H. M. Zealy, Dennis Yarborough and William Yarborough, at the suit of John S. Swygert.

ALSO,

One black horse mule, levied on as the property of Jim Jones, at the suit of J. Feaster Lyles.

ALSO,

One black mule, levied on as the property of Morgan Latta, at the suit of Jno. S. Swygert.

S. W. RUFF, S. F. C.

Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., October 20, 1877. oct 31-11x2

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The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

Court of Common Pleas.

Samuel B. Lathan vs. W. Watt Brice, Wm. J. Lathan and John L. Caldwell.

IN pursuance of an order from the Court of Common Pleas in the above stated case, I will offer for sale before the Court House door in Winnsboro, on the first Monday in November next, within the legal hours of sale, the following described property, to wit:

All that plantation or tract of land lying in Fairfield county, on waters of Wateree Creek, containing FIVE HUNDRED AND FIFTY-THREE AND THREE-QUARTERS ACRES, more or less, and bounded by lands of Samuel B. Lathan, A. B. Montgomery, and the lands of W. Watt Brice.

TERMS OF SALE:

One-third of the purchase-money to be paid in CASH, the balance on a credit of one and two years, with interest from day of sale—the purchaser to give his bond and a mortgage of the premises, and to pay for all necessary papers.

S. W. RUFF, S. F. C.

Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., October 5, 1877. oct 6-tds

The State of South Carolina.

TO Daniel W. Gladden, James Tidwell and Keziah Tidwell his wife, Isaiah T. Gladden, William H. H. Minge and Mary Jane Minge his wife, legal heirs and representatives of Minor Gladden, who died intestate:

YOU are hereby required to appear at the Court of Probate to be holden at Fairfield Court House for Fairfield County, on the 10th day of December, A. D. 1877, to shew cause, if any you can, why the real estate of Minor Gladden, deceased, described in the petition of Eliza J. Powell, filed in my office, should not be divided or sold, allotting to the said Eliza J. Powell one-half, and to the said Daniel W. Gladden, Keziah Tidwell and Isaiah T. Gladden the other half in equal proportions between them. Given under my hand and seal, this 4th day of October, A. D. 1877.

O. R. THOMPSON, Judge of Probate Fairfield County

TO the defendants Daniel W. Gladden, James Tidwell and Keziah Tidwell his wife, William H. H. Minge and Mary Jane Minge his wife.

TAKE notice that the summons in this action, of which the foregoing is a copy, was filed in the office of the Probate Court, at Winnsboro, in the county of Fairfield, in the State of South Carolina, on the 4th day of October, A. D. 1877.

JAS. H. RION, Petitioner's Attorney, Winnsboro, S. C.

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Estate Sale.

BY virtue of a power of attorney given to me by those interested in the estate of D. H. Ruff, deceased, I will offer for sale at public outcry, at Ridgeway, S. C., on the 20th day of November next, the following real property belonging to the estate of the said D. H. Ruff, deceased:

One lot of land, containing about four acres, on which stands a two story dwelling-house.

Two lots of land, one acre each, on each of which stands a cottage.

One lot of land, containing one half of an acre on which stands a small cottage. The tract of land on Dutchman's Creek, containing one hundred and seventy-five acres, more or less.

ALSO,

By virtue of authority given to me by the Probate Judge, I, as executor of the will of D. H. Ruff, deceased, will sell, at the same time and place, the following personal property:

- One fine Piano (Knabe), 7 1/2 octaves.
- One fine Parlor Organ.
- Two Gold Watches.
- One Buggy and Harness.
- One Eight-day Clock.
- One set of Walnut Furniture, complete.
- Two Milk Cows and Calves.
- Household and Kitchen Furniture, and other articles.

TERMS OF SALE—For real estate, one-third cash, and the balance on a credit of one and two years, with interest from day of sale, to be secured by bond of purchaser and mortgage of the premises; purchaser to pay for all necessary papers and to procure policies of insurance on the several buildings, to be continued until the purchase-money be paid, and assign the same to A. F. Ruff. For personal property, CASH on day of sale.

A. F. RUFF, Attorney in Fact and Executor.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

BY virtue of an execution to me directed I will offer for sale before the Court House door in Winnsboro, on the first Monday in November next, within the legal hours of sale, for CASH, the following described property, to wit:

All that plantation or tract of land lying in Fairfield County, on waters of Beaver Creek, containing THREE HUNDRED AND FOURTEEN ACRES, more or less, and bounded by lands of Mrs. J. P. Coleman, Miss Sallie P. Lyles, T. M. Lyles and others.

ALSO,

One tract of land lying in Fairfield county, on waters of Rocky Creek, containing ONE HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-THREE ACRES, more or less, and bounded by lands of Wesley Mayfield, J. C. Feaster, Estate of H. J. Lyles, Mrs. M. E. Menns, Isaac H. Means and Samuel B. Clowney, all levied on as the property of W. S. Montoith and Richard O'Neal, at the suit of Edwin S. Scott, survivor.

S. W. RUFF, S. F. C.

Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., October 13, 1877. oct 16-11x2

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Marble Tops, \$22
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PARLOR SUITS.

Seven pieces, Hair Cloth or Reps, \$ 45
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No charge for drayage or packing.
G. V. DeGRAAF, Augusta, Ga.

The State of South Carolina, COUNTY OF FAIRFIELD.

In the Probate Court.

Samuel A. Murphy, as Administrator, vs. Tarleton Murphy and Others.

IN pursuance of an order from the Court of Probate for Fairfield County, made in the above stated case, I will offer for sale before the Court House door in Winnsboro, on the first Monday in November next, within the legal hours of sale, all the right, title and interest of Ephraim M. Murphy, deceased, in a certain lot of land lying and situate in the town of Winnsboro, containing one-fifth of an acre, more or less, and embraced within the following area, to wit: commencing at the south-west corner of lot number one hundred and thirty-two of said town and thence running south along Congress street thirty-five feet, then cornering and running at right-angles to said street in an easterly direction about two hundred and fifty-seven feet to the track of the Charlotte, Columbia and Augusta Railroad Company, then cornering and running in a northerly direction along said track thirty-five feet to the southern line of lot number seventy-two, then cornering and running in a westerly direction along the southern line of lots number seventy-two and one hundred and thirty-two about two hundred and fifty-five feet, to the beginning points.

TERMS OF SALE:

One-half cash, the balance on a credit of one year, with interest from day of sale, purchaser to give his bond secured by a mortgage of the premises sold, and to pay for all necessary papers.

ALSO, FOR CASH:

All the personal property, consisting of one Gold Watch and the uncollected notes and accounts belonging to the estate of the said Ephraim M. Murphy, deceased.

S. W. RUFF, S. F. C.

Sheriff's Office, Winnsboro, S. C., October 9, 1877. oct 13-tds

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