

Southern Version of the Capture of Davis.

Lieutenant Elsan, of Company K. Twenty-fourth Texas cavalry, was with Mr. Davis when he was captured, and has kindly recounted to us the details of the affair. From his narrative we derive the following:

Mr. Davis, Judge Reagan, Colonel Ladbuck and Colonel Johnson were en route to Texas, expecting to continue the struggle here. Mrs. Davis and family were travelling towards Florida with a view of running the blockade from the Florida coast. It was Mrs. Davis, intention to take the children to England and then to rejoin her husband in Texas, where they hoped to protract the struggle.

Lieutenant Elsan was one of the guard of Mrs. Davis' party. They were in Wilcox County, Georgia, May 7, when the President joined them. They travelled together that day. On the morning of the 8th he parted from them for Texas, on horse back. After travelling twenty miles he learned that a band of jayhawkers had been organized to plunder the party left behind of their train. Anxiety for the safety of his family induced him to remain till they came up, which they did on the evening of the 8th.

They travelled in company on the 8th. and all camped together that night. Meanwhile, the Fourth Michigan cavalry had been on their track. On the night of the 9th this regiment surprised two scouts who had been left in the rear to watch for pursuit, but who had been overcome by fatigue and fallen asleep. The pursuers rode all night, at daybreak on the morning of the 10th surprised the encampment and captured the whole party without firing a gun.

On the surprise, Mr. Davis threw a cloak over his shoulders and started for his horse, about forty steps from his tent. As he set out Mrs. Davis threw a veil over his hat. He had got but a few steps when a cavalry man rode up, and presenting his gun to him, cried out, I know you, you old scoundrel; I have seen you before, surrender." (It seems that he had lived in Richmond since the war began.) As he stopped Mr. Davis, Mrs. Davis ran to him, and throwing her arms around his neck, begged them to spare his life. Colonel Pritchard, the commander of the pursuing cavalry, now rode up, and assured her he should not be hurt.

From this time the party was treated with marked pliteness. They were taken to Macon, Mrs. Davis being allowed all her transportation except an ambulance, which was taken for some of the wounded.

Lieutenant Elsan says the entire amount of specie the party had with them was about \$11,000. Of this Mrs. Davis had \$2,000, her own private funds, Mr. Davis about \$1,400, which he carried in his holsters, and the balance belonged to Judge Reagan and the balance of the party.—*Houston (Texas) Telegraph.*

The importance of ventilating bedrooms is a fact which everybody is vitally interested in, and which few properly appreciate. If two persons are to occupy a bedroom during a night let them step upon weighing scales as they retire, and then again in the morning. Frequently, there will be a loss of two or three pounds, and the average loss throughout the year will be more than one pound. That is during the night there is a loss of a pound of matter, which has gone off from their bodies, partly from their lungs, and partly from the pores of the skin. The escaped material is carbonic acid, and decayed animal matter or poisonous exhalations.

A HORRIBLE MURDER.—A correspondent of the Savannah Republican states that three white persons, living above the Ashepoe Ferry, S. C., were murdered a short time since by some colored persons. The names of the unfortunate individuals were Doar, West and Richdale. They were living on a plantation owned by Wm. Lowndes.

The Secretary of War has ordered the release of all the prisoners of war in Fort McHenry, including those sentenced during the war.

CAMDEN, FRIDAY, JULY 21.

The expenses of the Government during the past year amount to \$1,000,000,000.

Ex-President Buchanan is about to publish a history of his administration, prepared by himself.

Hon. William L. Sharkey, has been appointed Provisional Governor of Mississippi.

Capt. C. W. Burgess—Provost Marshal—has located his office with the headquarters of Major SHIPLEY, in the Council Chamber.

Through the kindness of J. G. GRANE, Esq., we are in receipt of a file of the Charleston Courier to the 17th inst.

By New York dates to the 12th inst., we learn that the quotations of cotton had advanced during the week previous five cents per pound—the prices ranging from 40 to 60. Gold in New York 130.

Judah P. Benjamin, and John C. Breckinridge, late of the Confederate cabinet, have thrown up their portfolios. The former has turned up in Bermuda; the latter is resting from his flight in Cuba.

Large numbers of soldiers are deserting from their regiments at Washington, and going home on the ground that they enlisted "for the war," and that the war is now ended.

It is said that Ford's theatre—the scene of President Lincoln's assassination—has been purchased by a society of Congregationalists, and will speedily be converted into a house of worship.

Gov. Brown retires from the Executive chair of Georgia in a long address to the people. He counsels obedience to the laws, subscription to the oath, and a general resignation to all that may happen.

Attorney-General Speed has issued a circular to the effect that applicants for pardon under the "special" clause in the Amnesty proclamation, must first take the oath and transmit the original with the application.

Gov. Brownlow, of Tennessee, has issued a proclamation, ordering the election, on the first Thursday of August (the 3d) next, of a full delegation to Congress and members of the Legislature in certain districts in which there are vacancies.

In the Charleston Courier of the 11th (received too late for this publication) we find President JOHNSON'S proclamation appointing the Hon. B. F. PERRY, of Greenville, Provisional Governor of South Carolina.—In our next issue we will lay it before our readers.

Orders have been issued for the dismantling of all the defensive works around Washington, excepting twenty-two forts and three or four batteries, so located as to form a complete defence to the capital on all sides. These, it is said, will be strengthened and improved, and permanently garrisoned.

A terrible explosion took place at Chattanooga on Saturday, the 10th ult. Several persons were killed and wounded. The Quartermaster's and Commissary's buildings also caught fire and were consumed. The conflagration is supposed to have been caused by dishonest officials to hide defective accounts. Loss \$250,000.

IT ALL WENT OUT AT THE DUNG.—Major SHIPLEY, for the better preservation of order in our midst, and that the soldiers might not make too freely of the *ardent*, on his being in this place, gave notice to all the rum-sellers (of whom there are quite a number,) that the sale of spirituous liquors to any enlisted man was specially prohibited; and the better to impress it on the minds and hearts of these rum-sellers, respectively, he had advertised orders to that effect—which orders were not respected. The result was, all the capital stock of one establishment went out at the bung, and that, too, without profit to its former owner.

We would take the liberty of cautioning others who may be engaged in this traffic, and who would feign make some feeble claim to respectability, that "every dog has his day," and that their day may not be afar off. A word to the wise should be sufficient.

It was estimated by the Quartermaster-General in his last annual report, that there were in the service of the army about 170,000 horses and 130,000 mules. The supply of cavalry horses averaged about 500 a day which was also the measure of the depuration of these animals in service. During the last eight months of the year 1864, the cavalry of the Potomac received nearly 40,000 horses, and there was issued to the army of Gen. Sherman through the Nashville depot, between the 1st of November, 1863, and the 14th of September, 1864, 41,122 horses.

A NEW GARRISON.—Capt. FERGUSON and his command having been removed from this place, in consequence of the dividing lines of the military districts of So. Ca., throws all the posts in the first district, east of the Wateree river, and to be garrisoned, under the command of Gen. BEALE, whose headquarters is at Florence—the third sub-district, eastern South Carolina comprising the districts of Sumter and Kershaw, to be commanded by Lieut. Col. P. H. WHITMORE, 30th Massachusetts Veteran Volunteers, and by troops of his regiment—headquarters to be at Sumterville.

On Friday evening last the town of Camden was garrisoned by a detachment of two companies of the above named regiment—Co. C, 1st Lieut. J. D. FOSTER, 35; Co. G, 1st Lieut. Wm. H. HIRSEY, 45—numbering in all about eighty men, under the command of Major S. D. SHIPLEY. Headquarters of Maj. SHIPLEY, until further notice, in the Council Chamber of the town.

It will be remembered that, in the abolition of slavery, the representation of the Southern States must be increased. The negro must now rank as an entire man, and not as the fifth of one only.

Masonic.

For the information of our Masonic friends we publish the following summons:

CONVOCATION OF GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER U. S. A., AT COLUMBUS, O., THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, A. D. 2395 A. I. 1865.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY OF THE GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CINCINNATI, OHIO, June 24th,
A. I. 2395 A. D. 1865.

To the Officers and Members of the General Grand Chapter U. S.; and of the several State Grand Chapters; and of the Subordinate Chapters under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand-Chapter, and to "All whom it may Concern:" I fraternally communicate the following official summons of the M. E. Gen'l Gr. H. Priest for a Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the U. S., to be held in Columbus, O., on the 7th September next. May there be a cordial reunion on that "joyful day!"

JOHN D. CALDWELL,
General Grand Secretary.

GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE U. S.,
OFFICE OF GENERAL GRAND HIGH PRIEST,
CHARLESTON, S. C., June 8, 1865.

Whereas, When the General Grand Chapter closed its labors at Chicago in September, 1863, and it had resolved that the next General Grand Convocation should be held at the city of Memphis, Tennessee, on the second Tuesday in September, 1862; and whereas the representatives of the General Grand Chapter, in consequence of the unhappy and discordant condition of the country could not be convened at that time and place; and therefore, by due proclamation, in the constitutional exercise of his prerogative, suspend the said Triennial Convocation of 1862, until the restoration of peace and union; and whereas, by the blessing of Divine Providence, the friendly relations of all parts of our common country are now restored, so that it is no longer impracticable for representatives from all sections of the Union to assemble together in fraternal consultation:

Now, therefore, be it known, that I, Albert G. Mackey, General Grand High Priest, in virtue of the power in me vested, do hereby summon the Representatives of the Grand Chapters and of such subordinate Chapters as

may be under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, to assemble on Thursday, the seventh day of September, 1865, at the city of Columbus, in the State of Ohio, for the purpose of opening and holding a session of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and therein to deliberate and act on all matters relating to the good of Royal Arch Masonry, and the interests of the General Grand Chapter, and the State Grand Chapters, in their wisdom may seem best.

ALBERT G. MACKEY, M. D.,
(Attest,) General Grand High Priest.
JOHN D. CALDWELL, General Grand Secretary.

The following order from Gen BEAL'S Headquarters we publish as information to the readers of the Journal.

HEADQUARTERS MILITARY DIST. EASTERN S. C.)
THIRD SEPERATE BRIGADE.
Georgetown, June 28, 1865.)

GENERAL ORDER No. 1.

Pursuant to S. O. 164, Par. 1, Dated Head Quarters Dep't. of the South, Hilton Head S. C. June 23d, 1865, the undersigned hereby assumes command of the Military District of Eastern South Carolina, comprising the Districts of Georgetown, Horry, Marion, Williamsburg, Marlboro, Darlington, Sumpter, Kershaw and Chesterfield, with Head Quarters at Florence, S. C.

The following named are announced as Officers of the Staff and will be obeyed and respected accordingly:

Lieut. C. B. Fillebrown, A. A. A. G.
Lieut. Col. B. B. Murray, Provost Marshal.
Capt. Brent. Jolinson, A. A. Insp. Gen.
Lieut. Levi W. Harmon, Act'g Ord. Officer.
Capt. A. E. Kingsley, Act'g Com. Sub.
Lieut. A. G. Rankin, Act'g Asst. Q. M.
Surg. J. F. Day, Chief Med Officer.
Capt. E. W. Ferris, Act'g Aide D Camp.
Lieut. C. H. Pettengill, Asst. Pro. Marshal.
GEO. L. BEAL,
Brig. Gen. Commanding.

Official.
C. B. FILLEBROWN, Lt. & A. A. A. Gen.

Important Decision.

The reader, of every class, will do well to note the following important decision, copied from the Richmond *Whig*, of May 26. The principal laid down will, as a matter of course, regulate all the relations of debtor, as well as those of landlord and tenant:

The court yesterday delivered its written opinion in relation to contracts entered into between landlord and tenant on the basis of Confederate money. Rent due prior to April 1, 1865, and not paid, is to be paid in Federal currency, such a sum as the amount of rent in Confederate money would have purchased of gold at the time the payment was due. Thus, if the rent were \$1,500 per quarter, the sum to be now paid for the rent due March 31 is ascertained by dividing the \$1,500 by (say) 60, the selling rate of gold equal to \$25 in greenbacks. Front and after the 1st April, 1865, rent for the unexpired term is, for dwelling houses, fixed at the rates in 1860, and for stores and other places of public business an addition of 50 per cent.

Tomlin against Giles. This case was decided, so far as concerns the rent, in accordance with the principle above announced. The rent in 1860, as a dwelling house, was \$300. If used and rented then for a place of public business, as a portion of it now is; it would have probably been \$450. Add to this latter fifty per cent, and the rent is ascertained which the tenant shall pay.

HEADQUARTERS U. S. FORCES,
CAMDEN, S. C. July 18, 1865.

ALL PERSONS HAVING BOX KEYS TO THE Post office at this Post, will immediately return them to J. M. GAYLE, Post Master.

S. D. SHIPLEY,
Major Comd'g Military Post at Camden, S. C.
July 21

DR. D. L. DESAUSURE HAS RESUMED THE practice of medicine in connection with Dr. L. M. DESAUSURE.
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