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Political.

Union League Ritual.

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The following is an authentic copy of the printed ritual of the Loyal League:

FORM OF COUNCIL—OFFICERS AND THEIR STATIONS.

The officers of a Council of the U. L. A. are: A President, Vice-President, Assistant Vice-President, Treasurer, Secretary, Marshal, Herald, Sentinel and Chaplain.

The P. occupies the principal station in the room; V. P. and A. V. P. at the opposite end and in front of the P.; T. at the left hand of P.; Sec. at the right hand of P.; M. near the V. P.; H. within the inner door; S. within the outer door; and the Chaplain in the centre of the room, on the right.

EMBLEMS.

Altar, Holy Bible; Declaration of independence; United States Constitution; Flag of the Union; Censer of Incense; Sword; Gavel; Ballot-Box and Sickle; Shuttle; Anvil; and other emblems of industry.

OPENING A COUNCIL.

(The P. assumes the chair and gives one rap with the gavel.)

P. I am about to open this council. If there are any persons present not members of the Union League of America, they will please retire to the ante-room. The officers will take their respective stations.

(The door is closed.)

P. Mr. Marshal, you will satisfy yourself that all present are duly qualified and report.

(The M. makes a careful examination and reports.)

P. I pronounce this council open for the transaction of such business as may be lawfully brought before it.

(Members respond, "So be it.")

P. The Marshal will drap the altar. The M. will then proceed to place the flag etc., upon the altar, the books being open and the sword laid across them. These must so remain while the C. is in session, and will be left in the care and custody of such officer as the P. shall direct during the adjournment. Each C. should purchase the articles for its use.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Calling the roll of officers.
2. Reading the minutes of the preceding meeting, and approval of the same.
3. Examination of candidates elected in the ante-room, by the A. V. P. and M.
4. Initiations.
5. Election of officers at such meetings as the same may properly occur.
6. Propositions for membership, and balloting for candidates.
7. Report of investigating committees.
8. Unfinished business.
9. New business and the good of the order.

INITIATION.

P. The Marshal will proceed to the ante-room and ascertain if there are any candidates awaiting admission into our League, and instructing the Sentinel to admit no person except members, until those in waiting have passed into the council room.

The Marshal will then report the name of applicants.

P. The Secretary will read the list of names.

The Secretary reads them.

P. Mr. Secretary, have the names of these gentlemen been duly presented in open council and balloted for and elected?

The Secretary will answer according to the record.

P. The Assistant Vice-President, with the Marshal as a witness, will retire to the ante-room and make known to the candidates the object of this League, and propound to them the necessary interrogatories as provided in the ritual.

The A. V. P. and M. retire to the ante-room, where the A. V. P. makes known the following:

OBJECT OF THE LEAGUE.

A. V. P. Gentlemen: I am directed to state to you the object of this organization. It is to preserve liberty, perpetuate the Union of the United States of America, maintain the supremacy of the laws and constitution thereof against enemies, foreign and domestic, to secure the ascendancy of American institutions on this continent, to protect, defend and strengthen all loyal men and members of the Union League of America in all their rights of person or property, to demand the elevation and aid in the education of the labor and laboring men of the whole country, to make our councils schools for the prompt and proper instruction of all men in the duties of American citizenship, and for the inculcation of sentiments of true charity and brotherly affection among the members of our order.

A. V. P. Having informed you of the purposes of our order, I now expect from you a promise of secrecy before proceeding farther. Have I your solemn pledge to keep secret whatever may transpire in your presence? Answer must be in the affirmative.

To the questions to be propounded you will answer upon your honor and under your pledge of secrecy.

1st. Do you fully subscribe to the principles set forth in the Declaration of Independence?

Answer—

2d. Do you acknowledge that your first and highest allegiance under God is due to the Government of the United States of America?

Answer—

3d. Are you willing to pledge yourself to resist, to the utmost extent of your power, all attempts to subvert or over-

throw the Government of the United States?

Answer—

4th. Will you strive to the extent of your ability for the maintenance of liberty; the elevation of labor; the education in the responsibilities and duties of American citizenship of all the people of this country; the practice of a true friendship and charity towards each and all of the order, of which you are about to become a member, and for the election or appointment to all places of public trust of such men only as are reliable supporters of these principles and measures?

Answer—

5th. Are you willing, and do you desire to bind yourself by a solemn oath to the maintenance of the principles and policy indicated in the interrogatories to which you have now affirmatively replied?

Answer—

6th. Do you pledge your honor that you will obey all rules and orders of the Union League of America, which shall not conflict with your lawful rights and privileges as a loyal citizen, and keep inviolate all secrets and ceremonies of the League, when communicated to you as such?

Answer—

(Should the candidate answer all of the foregoing questions in the affirmative, the A. V. P. shall report to the P. and C. as follows:)

A. V. P. Mr. President, I have made the proper examination, and find all the candidates worthy and willing to proceed. Unless the report is objected to by the Marshal or other person, the President will direct as follows:

P. The Marshal will conduct the candidate to our council.

The Marshal retires and conducts the candidates to the door and makes the usual alarm.

H. Who comes here under the private signal of our League?

M. Candidates; who, having been duly elected and examined, desire admission into our loyal band.

H. Mr. President, the Marshal announces candidates, who, having been duly elected and examined, desire admission to our loyal band.

P. The loyal and worthy are always welcome. Admit them.

The door is opened, and the candidates, preceded by the M., enter in double file, arm in arm, and passing around the altar are presented in front of the P.'s chair. As they enter the door the P. gives three raps with the gavel—which will call up the C. The President rising, the M. will introduce the candidates by name.

While the candidates are coming in and taking their places around the altar, the P. may direct the C. to sing a verse or more of the patriotic song, "Hail Columbia," or "Star Spangled Banner," which may be printed on cards for the use of the C. By a signal from the P. the members take their seats during the delivery of the address.

M. Mr. Vice-President, I have the pleasure of presenting these candidates for membership in our Union League.

ADDRESS.

V. P. Gentlemen (or sir): We rejoice that you have thus voluntarily come forward to unite with us. The cause we advocate is that of our country. Banded together for the purpose of perpetuating the liberties for which our fathers fought, we have sworn to protect them. In time of peril to our government and the Union, it became the sacred duty of all true patriots to unite their efforts for the preservation of constitutional freedom, and in thwarting the designs of traitors to destroy the tree of liberty planted by our patriot fathers, and watered by their blood.

Neither domestic traitors or foreign foes must be permitted to destroy this nation, nor to circumscribe the influence and progress of American institutions on this continent.

The first grand purpose of our organization has been accomplished, through the combined efforts of our order and the gallantry and perseverance of our citizen soldiers, to whom our grateful acknowledgments and continued appreciation are ever due.

The legitimate fruits of this triumph are yet to be secured in the complete ascendancy of the true principles of popular government; the establishment of equal liberty; the elevation and education of the toiling masses of the republic; the preservation of the national honor and faith; the inculcation of a brotherly affection and true charity towards all; the complete and final overthrow at the ballot box, as in the field, of the oligarchy of political leaders, who sought to ruin where they could not rule, and through whose errors and wrongs our country has been baptized in blood; the establishment here of an asylum for the oppressed of other lands and of a beacon light so prominent and enduring as to be seen by all nations for all time, and so unerring as to guide all people to the certain possession of national and true liberty.

By means of this Loyal League these grand purposes may be realized.

We ask none to join us who have not the noble sentiment of patriotism deeply implanted within their hearts, for such only are capable of rising above the level of the mere partisan, and claiming and defending the boon of freedom in its intrinsic value. It is to sustain the government and the principles and policy we have indicated, that we are united, and for this purpose you are now required to take a solemn obligation, which I assure you does not in any way conflict with the duties you owe to yourself, to your country, your family or your God.

With this assurance are you willing to take such an obligation?

(Answer must be in the affirmative.)

V. P. Candidates will please turn and approach the altar.

(Here the P. calls up the C. by four raps, in complets and says:)

P. The Chaplain will now invoke the blessings of Almighty God upon our undertaking.

PRAYER.

Eternal God! Supreme Architect and Ruler of the Universe! we humbly beseech Thee to protect the loyal people of the United States, and especially the members of this patriotic organization. Wilt Thou be pleased to direct and prosper all our consultations to the advancement of Thy glory; the honor and welfare of Thy people; and may all things be ordered and settled by the co-ordinate branches of our government upon the best and surest foundations, so that peace and happiness, truth, liberty and justice may be established among us for all generations.

Save us, we pray Thee, from foreign foes and domestic traitors, and make us all faithful and true to the noble cause of constitutional liberty which Thou hast graciously committed to our care. Be pleased to guide and direct us, as Thou didst our forefathers. With the strength of thine Almighty arm Thou didst uphold and sustain them through all their fiery trials, and at last did crown them with victory.

May we be united in love for our common country, imbued with sentiments of liberty, attached to the principles of the Constitution, filled with reverence for thy Holy Law, and may Thy good spirit guide, strengthen and comfort us, now, and forever. Amen.

Here, after darkening the room, the M. lights the fire of liberty, to burn during the administration of the obligation; the members will be notified to join hands in a circle around the candidates and the altar—the P. stepping within the circle.

When there are more candidates than can reach the flag or Bible, they should be divided and obligated by sections.

The P. then continues as follows: Now place your left hand on the national flag and raise your right toward heaven, repeating after me the following obligation:

OBLIGATION.

I, (repeat your name after mine,) do solemnly swear (or affirm) in the presence of God and these witnesses, that I will never voluntarily bear arms against the United States, while I am a citizen thereof; that I will support, protect and defend the Constitution and Government of the United States and the flag thereof, against all enemies, foreign or domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; and that I will also defend this State against any invasion, insurrection, or rebellion, to the extent of my ability.

This I freely pledge without mental reservation or evasion. Furthermore that I will do all in my power to elect true and reliable Union men, and supporters of the government, and none others, to all offices of profit or trust, from the lowest to the highest, in ward, town, county, State and general government. And should I ever be called to fill any office, I will faithfully carry out the objects and principles of this League for the good of the order.

And further, that I will protect, aid and defend all worthy members of the U. L.; and that I will never make known in any way, to any person or persons not members of the U. L., any of the signs or pass words, proceedings, debates or plans of this or any other C. under this organization, except when engaged in admitting new members into this L. (Place your right hand upon the Holy Bible.) And with my right hand upon the holy Bible, Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of the United States of America, under the seal of my sacred honor, I acknowledge myself firmly bound and pledged to the faithful performance of this my solemn obligation. So help me God.

(Response by the members.)
To this we pledge ourselves.

P. Gentlemen, around you is a band of brothers alike sacredly pledged. This circle is never to be broken by treachery. (Response by the members: "Never!")
P. Brothers, will you enlarge your circle to admit new members?

(Response: "We will.")
P. With clasped and uplifted hands repeat after me the

FREEMAN'S PLEDGE.

To defend and perpetuate freedom and the Union I pledge my life, my fortune and my sacred honor. So help me God. Then follows a song.

The members of the Council will now take the oath, the candidates will now take their places before the Altar.

CHARGE.

The oath you have now taken of your own free will and accord cannot now be violated without leaving the stain of perjury on your souls. You have declared that, under God, your first and highest allegiance to the government of the United States. You have taken such an oath of allegiance upon the Holy Bible, Constitution and Declaration of Independence, lying within the folds of the flag of the Union. These contain the enduring records of our rights and privileges.

The symbols of industry which greet you upon the altar, are to remind you of one of the main purposes of our order, and to represent the foundation on which our institutions rest. To strengthen and elevate this, is to add to the grandeur and durability of the structure we uphold.

The flag is the ensign of our American nationality—the visible emblem of the sovereignty of the Union. Its stars represent the sister States; its stripes, the thirteen original States; its colors, courage, purity and truth.

The Bible contains man's moral code and the principles of his religious faith; points out his duty to his fellow creatures; the reward of virtue and the punishment of vice.

The Declaration of Independence declares, as self-evident truths, that all men are created equal—that they are endowed by their Creator with inalienable rights to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. It denies the despot's dogma of the "Divine right of kings" to rule over mankind. It asserts that governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, and solemnly affirms the right of the American people to govern themselves as a free and independent nation.

The Constitution is an instrument reducing to practice the precepts of the declaration. It is liberty regulated by law. It defines and circumscribes the powers and duties of the national government. It was ordained by the fathers, "in order to form a more perfect Union, establish justice, insure domestic tranquility, provide for the common defence, promote the general welfare and secure the blessings of liberty to themselves and their posterity."

The sword is a weapon of protection and defence. By it and the aid of Divine Providence the independence of the American people was obtained. With it we may defend the rights and liberties belonging to a free and loyal people, jealous of their country's glories, greatness and grandeur.

Lastly, the light you behold burning upon the altar is emblematical of the sacred fires of liberty that burn forever in breast of all true patriots. We inculcate the spirit and arts of peace as essential to national happiness and prosperity; but when foreign foes or treacherous hands attempt to rob us of our national inheritance, let a million gleaming swords leap from their rests and turn every way to guard the temple of our liberties.

(Here the M. instructs the new member in the signs, etc.* When these have been imparted, the P. may give a short history of the origin and history of the organization. He should caution them not to use the signs too often, or uncautiously.) It is enjoined on each officer to commit to memory his part of the initiatory ceremony.

The council rooms should be made attractive by emblems and ornaments, and by a supply of reading matter. If any person belonging to the order cannot read, he must be instructed.

*To pass yourself as a Leaguer, when questioned, give the "Four L's" as follows: right hand raised to Heaven, thumb and third finger touching their ends over the palm, and pronounce "Liberty." Bring the right hand down on a line with the shoulder, pronounce "Lincoln." Dropping the hand open at your side, pronounce "Loyal." With your hand and fingers downward in the chest, the thumb thrust into the vest or waistband, across the body, pronounce "League."

A Strange Story about Booth.

The following most extraordinary letter has been translated for the Louisville Journal, by the Hon. T. Fernandez, of Havana, from the original in possession of the Hon. Stephen Maxwell, Professor of Theology, who has consented to its publication. Professor Maxwell, was, when last heard from, August 6th, 1867, at the Inglaterra Hotel, Havana. He is a warm personal friend of the learned writer, Professor Frazer:

BOMBAY, BRITISH INDIA, May 30, 1867.
Hon. Stephen Maxwell, S. T. P., Havana, Island of Cuba.

DEAR SIR—Since your departure a strange incident has occurred in this city, something similar in its nature to the affair that created so much excitement in Calcutta some months ago, though in this case the amount at issue is four times greater than in the other. Having promised you that I would make diligent enquiry about the ship Bird of the Ocean and her commander, it luckily so happened that I was spared the trouble of extending my inquiries beyond this city, by the arrival of the ship in question at this port on the 26th of March.

The "Bird of the Ocean" having become notorious, through the agency of her commander—the celebrated Captain W. Martin Tolbert—in consequence of having piratically captured several merchant vessels in the South Pacific and Indian Oceans, as it has been alleged, attracted no little attention upon entering Bombay harbor. Her papers were subjected to a rigid examination by the custom house authorities, but no flaw could be found in them, she having creditable clearance for Singapore, and manifest, embracing a full list of cargo, duly authenticated. Her cargo consisted of general merchandise, on consignment to the house of Lenard & Co., which she commenced discharging on the second day after entering port.

I took advantage of an opportunity of visiting her on the day subsequent to her arrival, in company with Captain Parker, of the ship Sea Gull, Captain Hunt of the Tyrol, and Col. Ferguson, the last named gentleman being acquainted with Captain Tolbert. We were cordially received on board by that noted individual, of whom I had heard so much, but never met till now; and, from his affable manners and genial conversation, I could scarcely realize that the man confronting me was the celebrated character whose daring deeds have oftentimes produced such a furor and excitement in the East Indies. The very embodiment of grace and politeness, excessively lavish in manifestations of hospitality, and brim full of dry humor, my first impressions could not be otherwise than favorable—for, to my amazement, I discovered in him evidences of the refined gentleman instead of the "blood-thirsty

pirate" which the "Times of India" has been pleased to term him.

In compliance with the request of Col. Ferguson, Captain Tolbert narrated the particulars of the manner in which he won the wager in Calcutta—that Booth was alive; and in reply to a remark ventured by Captain Hunt, as follows: "Well, Captain, I must say you did humbug the Calcutta folks pretty badly, really it is a shame?" "Humbugged them? there was no humbug about it, sir! I fulfilled my part of the contract, and furnished proof that Booth was alive! Why do you term it humbug? I desire an explanation, sir!" The following conversation then ensued, which (having taken down on the spot) I give verbatim et literatim: "The reason why I call it by that name is simply this: I do not believe that Booth is alive, nor that, if your opponent had seen proper to have contested the matter, a fair decision would have given it in your favor."

Whereupon Captain Tolbert becoming somewhat excited, remarked: "Captain Hunt, if I am not mistaken in you, you are a man who will back any assertion you may make with your money; am I correct?" To this Hunt replied: "I believe I am sir, if I know myself." "Well, then, sir, if you believe Booth is not alive, how many pounds would you be willing to back that belief with; otherwise, what do you value your opinion at?" "I value my opinion very highly, Captain, but that is not saying that I would risk a bet on a thing unless I thought I had some chance for a fair shake!" "Please name your own conditions, and the amount you wish to put up; you shall be accommodated in each." "The only manner in which I should be willing to stake anything upon the matter in dispute, would be this: I must see Booth with my own eyes, and have an opportunity of conversing with and questioning him in order to satisfy myself whether he is alive or not, as it so happens I know him quite intimately and could not be deceived. If the person whom you allege is Booth should prove to be a humbug the money at stake will be mine; but if I recognize in him the genuine John Wilkes Booth, it will be yours. I know Booth so well that I could not fail to identify him at first sight, even through his disguise—should he wear one. If you will grant me this liberty I would be willing to draw a draft in favor of the winner for two thousand pounds sterling at thirty, sixty or ninety days' sight." "Your proposition is accepted, provided that you have no objections to going before a Magistrate and taking an oath of eternal secrecy, the nature of which I shall then and there make known to you."

"Having no desire to profit by giving information to the United States Government of his whereabouts, in case he is alive, I have no objection of taking an oath of secrecy so far as divulging Booth's place of residence is concerned. Firmly believing that he is not alive, my only object is to fully satisfy myself of the fact. If I lose, I shall have sufficient sense to hold my tongue, and if I win, of course I will do the same. In either case my curiosity shall have been fully satisfied. Is that satisfactory?" "I will take you at your word, Captain. But hold!—perhaps it would be better to have all this in black and white, as we are strangers to each other;" whereupon, having gained Hunt's assent, Captain Tolbert hastily drew up an article specifying the terms of the agreement, to which both Hunt and himself signed their names, requesting the remainder of the party present to witness it, and then gave to Col. Ferguson, requesting him to keep it until the question was decided. Tolbert then said: "Let us now proceed to a magistrate's office and have the other articles drawn up at once."

Everything being in readiness, we all above started ashore a few minutes after the spirited conversation transpired, Capt. Tolbert going in his own boat, (a handsome little gig with which his ship was supplied.) We were not long in reaching the quay, and, being invited by the two Captains to accompany them to the Magistrate's office, Colonel Ferguson, Captain Parker, and myself were witnesses to all that transpired between them. Upon reaching the office the following oath was administered to Captain Hunt: "You do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God, that you will not betray the confidence reposed in you by the two individuals with whom you are about to enter into an agreement, so help you God."

Tolbert then suggested the following more secure form, which was drawn up: "I, Charles Newton Hunt, do solemnly swear, in the presence of Almighty God and these witnesses, that I will forever conceal and never reveal the name of the town, city or country where lives and breathes the mortal body of John Wilkes Booth, so help me God." Tolbert then drawing a sharp-pointed stiletto, very coolly presented it to Captain Hunt, asked him to pick his arm till the blood came; then, handing him a pen, requested him to catch a drop of the blood upon the point and write his signature to the above oath. Captain Hunt very reluctantly complied, signing his name in full, written with his own blood. The magistrate, Mr. Samuel Roboliet, Colonel Moses D. Ferguson, Captain Joseph H. Parker, and myself then witnessed it, and Captain Tolbert, sealing it up, handed it to Mr. Roboliet, requesting him to put it in a place of safety, and deliver it to no person save himself.

The magistrate then drew up the following article of agreement: "We, the undersigned, being equal participants in the question at issue, do hereby bind ourselves to deposit two thousand pounds sterling (£2,000) each in the hands of the President of the Bank of Bombay, in the city of Bombay, British India, this the 21st day of March, 1867, the aforesaid sum total of four thousand pounds to be

held by said President of said bank till the expiration of ninety days, to be subject at such time to the order of either of the two parties whose signatures are hereunto affixed. (Signed.) W. Martin Tolbert, Chas. Newton Hunt. Done before me, at my office, in the city of Bombay, this the 21st day of March, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven. (Signed) Samuel Roboliet, Notary Public.) Two duplicates of the above agreement were drawn off, signed, and one delivered to each of the Captains, the original being held by the Magistrate. The costs having been paid, etc., we proceeded to a refreshment saloon, and after partaking of a sumptuous repast at the expense of Captain Tolbert, our party dispersed to arrange the preliminaries of the bet, making an appointment at the Royal Exchange at 3 P. M.

Col. Parker, Col. Ferguson, and myself were on the ground promptly at the appointed hour, and found Tolbert already there. Hunt arrived about fifteen minutes later, and thence we all proceeded to the Bank of Bombay, where the two Captains deposited Bank of England notes to the amount of two thousand pounds each, and received bank certificates therefor, payable at ninety days' sight, with the understanding expressed in writing that the whole amount should be paid to either party on the presentation of both receipts.

A few days after this the papers announced that the ship "Bird of the Ocean," Tolbert master, had sailed for Colombo, Ceylon. Meeting Captain Parker the same evening, I enquired if Captain Hunt had gone. "Yes," he replied, "he went as passenger in the 'Bird of the Ocean,' and left his first mate in charge of the 'Loyal' till his return. He told me he would be back in about six weeks, and appeared quite jubilant over his big bet; said he felt confident of winning, as he believed Tolbert was only a 'blower,' and was determined to 'bluff' him; that he still felt sure Booth was not alive, and when he found out where the 'hoax' was, he would expose it." I told Parker I was fearful Hunt would lose his money; that it did not seem reasonable that Tolbert would recklessly bet so large a sum on an uncertainty, and that he must remember he won in Calcutta.

Nothing was heard of the ship for seven weeks, when it was announced by telegraph that the "Bird of the Ocean" had arrived at Madras. On the following day Captain Parker received a telegram in these words: "I have lost! The man Booth is actually alive. I should have been at Bombay ere this, but we have encountered heavy weather. Shall be there soon.—Chas. Newton Hunt."

Neither of the parties can reach here for some time to come. When they do arrive there will be considerable excitement, in their immediate circles of acquaintance at least. Thus, it seems, has Captain W. Martin Tolbert won another large sum of money upon this most mysterious of all the mysteries of the nineteenth century, leaving no doubt in the mind of any thinking person that J. Wilkes Booth is alive. I have given you the full details of this strange affair, so far as I know, and will write you again as soon as Captain Hunt returns, if I gain any further particulars as to how he lost the wager.

I still remain your sincere friend,
WILLIAM A. FRAZER, F. R. S.

Removal of Gen. Sheridan.

HEAD-QUARTERS OF THE ARMY,
ADJUTANT-GENERAL'S OFFICE,
WASHINGTON, August 10, 1867.
General Orders No. 77.

I. The following orders have been received from the President:

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
WASHINGTON, August 19, 1867.

Major-General George H. Thomas is hereby assigned to the command of the Fifth Military District, created by the Act of Congress passed on the 2nd day of March, 1867. Major-General P. H. Sheridan is hereby assigned to the command of the Department of the Cumberland. The Secretary of War *ad interim* will give the necessary instructions to carry this order into effect.

(Signed.) ANDREW JOHNSON.

II. In pursuance of the foregoing order of the President of the United States, Major-General G. H. Thomas will, on receipt of the order, turn over his present command to the officer next in rank to himself, and proceed to New Orleans, Louisiana, to relieve Major-General P. H. Sheridan of the command of the Fifth Military District.

III. Major-General P. H. Sheridan, on being relieved from the command of the 5th Military District by Major-General G. H. Thomas, will proceed to Fort Leavenworth, Kansas, and will relieve Major-General W. S. Hancock, in the command of the Department of the Missouri.

IV. Major-General W. S. Hancock, on being relieved from the command of the Missouri by Major-General Sheridan, will proceed to Louisville, Ky., and will assume command of the Department of the Cumberland.

V. Major-General G. H. Thomas will continue to execute all orders he may find in force in the 5th Military District at the time of his assuming command of it, unless authorized by the General of the Army to annul, alter or modify them.

VI. Major-General Sheridan, before relieving Major-General Hancock, will report in person at these headquarters.

By order of General Grant,
E. TOWNSEND, A. A. G.

Judge J. W. C. Horne, a prominent citizen of Sumter County, Georgia, has been murdered by a party of freedmen. Five were arrested by the military and imprisoned at Macon, four of whom confess participation in the crime.