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The Vicksburg Canal.

The latest dispatches state that Gen. Grant is determined to cut the canal to a width and depth adequate to the passage of gunboats and transports. It is said that there is no expectation of the river forcing a new channel at that place. A contemporary has the following on the subject, which will be read with interest, surprise, and perhaps with some degree of incredulity, in the face of the fact that the Mississippi often makes new channels:

The success of the military canal across the peninsula, by which it is aimed to make Vicksburg an inland town, depends upon the formation which the excavation shall lay open. The labors of the United States Commission throw some light upon the general subject. The formation of the Mississippi valley bottom, or sub-soil, as shown in the very thorough and elaborate report of the above Commission, reveals that underneath the ordinary soil is a bed of hard blue clay. In this clay the river flows. Its bed is as solid as rock. Centuries of wear make no impression on this singular formation.

The river at low water is entirely in this clay; caked, and is as solidly and firmly inclosed in it as it would be by walls of stone. If the Vicksburg "Cut-Off" should prove to have underlying the soil a level pan or plain of this clay, the effect of the Cut-Off will probably be only to cause a partial flow of the river into it. Through it during high water, without any permanent deepening in the clay, and on a relapse of the river to a low stage of water, the entire flow will be by Vicksburg, as heretofore. This will be the result, unless it should happen that the neck of land is entirely composed of the *river deposit, or a depth equal to the depth of the water in the river*, in which case the flow will sweep its way across the neck, wear out a deep, straight channel and leave Vicksburg an inland city.

The project of cutting a canal from the Mississippi to the Yazoo, to enter the latter at a point above the rebel fortifications, is a good one, and one that can easily be done. The intervening ground is mainly swamp, through which a bayou runs during high water.

Exhaustion of the Rebellion West of the Mississippi.

Important disclosures of the exhausted condition of the rebels west of the Mississippi are furnished by the official correspondence of General Hindman, recently captured at Van Buren, Arkansas, by our forces under General Herron. The dispatches of Hindman and his officers, ranging in date from the middle of November last to the middle of December, tell an unvarying story of starvation and distress, and finally merge into despair. If any further proof were needed of the absolute extremity of Hindman's army and the virtual death of the rebellion in the whole region where that officer has held command, it is given in these dispatches. We give some of the leading passages.

On the 15th of November last, Hindman wrote from Fort Smith to Major Adams at Little Rock:

"There are no wagons in this country, and I cannot detail soldiers. Impress wagons. These delays will starve my command. Why not send up also half the transportation of the troops at the Post? They need but four wagons. Unless you and Major Palmer can give me more I will be compelled by actual starvation to leave this country."

R. C. Newton, Hindman's Chief of Staff, pleads thus:

"If there are any boats that you can control, General Hindman desires you to load them with corn immediately, and send them up here, notifying Major Cummings to each boat starts, and what it brings. It is of the very first importance that you use extraordinary energy in the matter. Our all depends upon our getting the very largest possible supplies of corn on this river. It is our only hope—much depends upon you. For God's sake move Heaven and earth to send us every grain that can be gotten here."

Hindman says again:

Surely the Secretary is not apprised of the condition of our troops, and the almost utter exhaustation of the resources of the country. In this corps I could show him 7,000 men absolutely in rags, without counting the almost naked Indians. What you are sending me I distributed *pro rata* among them all, but that comes slowly and in small quantities, and the great majority continue to suffer exposure, to sicken and to die. I suppose it is the same with your other troops. Unless these poor men are comfortably clad this month, not half of them will live through the winter. *Another army cannot be raised this side of the Mississippi.*

The phrase in italics is a sufficient acknowledgment of the utter ruin of the rebellion west of the Mississippi river. This letter was followed by another piteous appeal from Hindman, containing these passages:

"I complain of nothing. The deficiencies are great. But unless you send supplies in larger quantities and far more rapidly, God only knows what I am to do."

Here is another and more fatal admission, made by Hindman in a letter dated in December:

"Whenever the enemy gets south of the Boston mountains and establishes himself, he can press you down to Louisiana or into Texas without difficulty."

Other dispatches refer to the late battles in Arkansas, containing contradictory statements of the losses on both sides, but these are not material to the point at issue—the deplorable condition of the rebel forces and their inability to hold their ground. The recent successes of our army in the Arkansas region have probably put the finishing touch to the whole business.

The Foreign Steamers.

PORTLAND, Feb. 9.—The steamer Norwegian sailed at 6 o'clock this morning.

HALIFAX, Feb. 9, 9 a. m.—There are no signs of the steamer Bohemian,

DISSOLUTIONS, &C.

TO CONSIGNORS.—My correspondents are hereby notified of a change in my business, with an increase of capital. The business will be conducted in my own name, and under my personal supervision, as heretofore. To my consignors of the past year I return my thanks for the liberal patronage extended to me, and hope their favors will be continued and increased under the existing organization of my business. WM. A. GWYER.

CO-PARTNERSHIP NOTICE.—*State of New York—City and County of New York.*—This is to certify that the undersigned have formed a limited Co-Partnership, pursuant to the provisions of the Revised Statutes of the State of New York, entitled "Of Limited Partnerships," and the amendments thereto, upon the following terms and conditions:

First. The name under which such partnership is to be conducted is WILLIAM A. GWYER.

Secondly. The general nature of the business to be transacted is the selling on commission of CRUDE AND REFINED PETROLEUM OILS.

Thirdly. The names of the general and special partners interested in the partnership herein referred to, and their respective residences, are as follows:

WILLIAM A. GWYER is the general partner, and resides in the City, County and State of New York.

CHRISTOPHER GWYER is the special partner, and resides in the City, County and State of New York.

Fourthly. The amount of capital which the special partner has contributed to the common stock is the sum of TWENTY THOUSAND DOLLARS, in cash.

Fifthly. The period at which such partnership is to commence is the sixth day of January, one thousand eight hundred and sixty three, and the period at which it will terminate is the thirty-first day of December, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-seven.

Sixthly. The business shall be conducted and managed in the city of New York aforesaid, where the principal place of business of the partnership shall be conducted. WM. A. GWYER,

CHRISTOPHER GWYER.

January 6, 1863. ja21-lm

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The Co-Partnership heretofore existing between the undersigned, under the name and style of WM. TATE, Jr., & CO., is this day mutually dissolved, WM. TATE, Jr., retiring from said firm. He having sold all his interest in the late firm to JOHN M. TATE and J. F. SEVILLE, who are alone authorized to settle the business of said firm.

WM. TATE, Jr.
J. F. SEVILLE.
JOHN M. TATE.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 24th, 1863.

On retiring from the late firm of WM. TATE, Jr. & CO., the undersigned recommend his successors to the patronage of the customers of the old firm in the Plumbing business. WM. TATE, Jr.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.—The undersigned having purchased all the interest of WM. TATE, Jr., in the late firm of WM. TATE, Jr. & CO., and having formed a partnership under the name and style of TATE & SEVILLE, will continue the Plumbing, Gas and Steam-Fitting Business, at the old stand, No. 227 Liberty street, Pittsburgh, and 69 Federal street, Allegheny.

JOHN M. TATE,
J. F. SEVILLE.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 24th, 1863.

DISSOLUTION.—The Partnership heretofore existing between S. H. WATSON and DANIEL ARMSTRONG, under the name and style of WATSON & ARMSTRONG, is this day dissolved by mutual consent. D. ARMSTRONG has sold his interest to JOHN WATSON. The business will be continued at the old stand, No. 227 Liberty street, Pittsburgh, and 69 Federal street, Allegheny, by WATSON & CO. All persons having claims against the old firm will please present them for settlement, and all persons knowing themselves to be indebted will please call and settle.

WATSON & ARMSTRONG.

CO-PARTNERSHIP.—JOHN WATSON having purchased the interest of DANIEL ARMSTRONG, in the firm of WATSON & ARMSTRONG, the business will continue under the name and style of S. H. WATSON & CO., at the old stand, 227 Liberty street. S. H. WATSON & CO.

January 15th, 1863:ja16 1m

DISSOLUTION OF COPARTNERSHIP.—The Co-Partnership heretofore existing under the name of WILSON, McELROY & CO. is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The business of the late firm will be settled by either of the undersigned, at No. 54 Wood street.

J. O. WILSON,
S. B. McELROY.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 17, 1863.

The undersigned will continue the Wholesale Dry Goods Jobbing Business, under the firm of WILSON & McELROY, at the old stand, No. 54 Wood street.

J. O. WILSON,
S. B. McELROY.

Pittsburgh, Jan. 17, 1863. ja20-1m

PHOENIX STEAM BREWERY.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. Pittsburgh, September 10, 1862.

The Partnership heretofore existing between JOS. SPENCER and W. H. GARRARD was dissolved on the 20th of August, 1862, W. H. GARRARD having authorized to settle up the business of the late firm at his office in the Brewery. The Brewing Business will be continued by SPENCER & McKAY, who intend to have always on hand a superior article of ALE, PORTER and BROWN STOUT. The undersigned will be thankful to the friends of the late firm for a continuation of their patronage, and promise to make it their aim to give satisfaction to all who may purchase from them.

ROBERT WATSON, of Liberty street, so long known to the business community, will have the management of our business, with the full control in the Brewery.

Address all orders to SPENCER & McKAY, Phoenix Brewery, Pittsburgh, Pa.

JOSEPH SPENCER,
JAMES McKAY. se12

THE PARTNERSHIP heretofore existing under the name and style of ALLEN & WAUHOP was dissolved by mutual consent on the 1st day of December, 1862. All business of said firm will be settled by MOSES H. ALLEN, who is authorized to use the name of said firm in the settlement of all claims. MOSES H. ALLEN,
ANDREW WAUHOP, Jr.

February 5th, 1863. fe6:3t

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP. The firm of BOWN & TETLEY, Cutlers, &c., Wood street, Pittsburgh, was dissolved by limitation on the first day of February, 1863. The business for the present will be carried on at the old stand, by JAMES BOWN.

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