

From Rebel Papers.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. Richmond papers of the 16th state that the enemy are quiet in their entrenchments on Hatcher's Run.

It was reported yesterday our troops were evacuating Wilmington. The report is not confirmed, however, by official dispatches.

General Baker is in command of our forces at Goldsborough, and reports to the War Department, he has reason to believe the enemy are concentrating at Newbern, and they have with them material for repairing the railroad.

It is reported and believed in Kingston that the enemy have landed two locomotives on a two-carriage of railroad iron at Moorhead city.

Wheeler, last Friday, attacked and whipped Kilpatrick, at Aiken, fifteen miles northeast of Augusta.

The Augusta papers of last Wednesday state that at that time Slocum was at Windsor, ten miles East of Aiken, advancing on Augusta.

Gen. S. D. Lee and Wade Hampton, recently appointed Lieutenant Generals, have been confirmed by Confederate Senate.

The Richmond Examiner of the 16th says: At Kingsville Sherman would be able to destroy the Columbia & Charlotte and Wilmington & Manchester railroads.

The Whig of the 16th states that Sherman has gone somewhat the start of their forces, and apprehension is felt at Columbia that he would be there before he could be overtaken.

General Echols has succeeded Brickeridge in command in East Tennessee. The following is a copy of Gen. Lee's general order assuming command of the forces of the Confederate States:

Headquarters Confederacy, February 7th. General Order No. 1.—In obedience to general order number 3, February 6th, I assume command of the military forces of the Confederate States.

The headquarters of the army to which all special reports and communications will be addressed, will for the present be with the army of Northern Virginia.

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The Richmond Whig says: The Charleston Mercury of Saturday announces a brief suspension of that paper with a view to its temporary removal to another point.

Semmes has been made a Rear Admiral and will take command of the James River squadron.

father's after night. On speeking the house, he pitched his horse and entered, immediately proceeding to the performance of his fiendish purpose. On the first effort to shoot his father the pistol misfired, but the next effort succeeded and his father fell dead at his feet.

Official From Gen. Grant. WAR DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON, Feb. 18. To Maj. Gen. Dix: The announcement of the occupation of Columbia, S. C., by Gen. Sherman, and the probable evacuation of Charleston, has been communicated to the Department in the following telegrams, just received from Lt. Gen. Grant, signed E. M. Stanton Secretary of War.

There seems to be a misunderstanding on the part of some as to the character of interest which is attached to a share in "The Union Cherry Run Basin Oil and Mining Company."

Whist they were crossing these rivers, our troops under Gen. Beauregard, evacuated Columbia, and the enemy soon after took possession.

It is impossible to say where Sherman will next direct his columns. The General opinion is that he will go to Charleston and establish a base there, but we confess we do not see what need he has of a base.

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Charles H. Dyer, late clerk in the Bank of Crawford, was brought into court, in Meville, on Tuesday last, on the charge of embezzling \$29,000 of the funds of the bank.

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"Liberty and Union, Now and Forever, One and Inseparable." - D. Webster.

Are Your Deeds on Record?

While property holders still design retaining their bonds, it is not so important whether their title papers are on record or not, although they unquestionably should under all circumstances be recorded.

The excitement in both Butler and Lawrence counties is on the increase, and lands are rapidly changing hands, particularly in the first named county.

"The Herald." Our neighbor of the Herald and his worthy Lieutenants seem to be bent on our extermination.

Remarks of Mr. Negley, lately delivered in the House on the passage of the Constitutional amendment.

But as we have this important subject again before us, I propose to make a few remarks. Congress has pursued one of the two modes required when amendments are to be made to the Federal Constitution.

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heard friends of both the gentlemen whose names have been put forward, claim that Mr. Williams is in their favor respectively—to all such we would say, that we have not heard from Mr. Williams on this subject; but still we know him to be a faithful representative—such are always willing to be instructed as to the wants, interests and wishes of his constituents.

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While this is an unvarnished statement as to us, we are free to admit that it was quite different with our neighbor of the Herald, who to our knowledge has never in his life been identified with "Northern mudsills"—with "small fisted farmers," or "greasy mechanics."

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the frequent reference, which has been made to our adaptation, to the rebel service. Born and raised in a laboring community, we have no repugnance to being assigned to that class, nor do we feel either elated or much elevated in the chair Editorial.

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in his madness, thought to destroy our country, has itself been destroyed. Not content with its old boundaries it aimed at extension; it demanded the territories of the Republic; it demanded that a slave State should be admitted for every free State; it would listen to no proviso, no law that was intended to protect the virgin territories from its spread and pollution.

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the distance of about eight feet, was warned by some one from the inside that if he proceeded further he would be shot. This warning had the effect of making him retrace his steps, when private Wm. Somer fixed his bayonet and advanced upon a "charge," until some one seized his gun and tried to pull him in.

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From Army of the Potomac.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 20, 1865. Information from the Army of the Potomac as late as yesterday morning, reports all quiet.

Deserters are constantly coming in, and are more numerous than for a long time. They have averaged over seventy a day for the past week.

From Mexico.

NEW YORK, Feb. 20. The foreign mails had the following: The World says there was a meeting of the Privy Council on the 4th instant, in Paris, and we are informed that the affairs of America and the connection they may have with the Mexican Empire, formed the principle object of the meeting.

From New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 19. The Herald's New Orleans correspondent says: There is no foundation for the rumor that Gen. Canby had given orders to retaliate on Mexican officers for all refugees from Texas.

Why do hens always lay in the day time?

Because at night they become roosters.