

The South.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, MAY 3, 1861.

THE CITY.

Important Meeting.—A meeting took place last evening at the Fountain Hotel, to which, so far as the future of the city is concerned, much importance is attached by the participants.

MARRIED.

On the 23rd inst., JOHN W. DICK, JOHN W. A. DRESON to BETTIE A. GRAY.

DIED.

On the 23rd inst., ELIZABETH C. wife of G. R. Chesnut, 65 years of age, died at 10 o'clock.

COMMERCIAL RECORD.

FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

There has been to-day an advance of 1/2 cent in the rates of discount on bank notes. 7 1/2 per cent, may be quoted 10 to 12, North Carolina 10 1/2, discount, and gold coin 3 to 3 1/2 per cent.

SALES AT THE BALTIMORE STOCK BOARD.

100 Baltimore G's, 1850, 87 1/2; 100 do, 1875, 86 1/2; 100 do, 1850, 86 1/2; 100 do, 1875, 85 1/2; 100 do, 1850, 84 1/2; 100 do, 1875, 83 1/2.

BAITIMORE MARKETS.

COFFEE.—The sales during the week have only reached 700 bags at 13 1/2 per cent for fair and 13 1/4 per cent for prime.

FLOUR.—Sales today of 600 bbls. Ohio Extra No. 1, Howard street and Ohio Super are held at \$5.50.

GRAIN.—Wheat is nominal at \$1.20 per bushel, but there is nobody about. The sea is breaking completely over her, and she is breaking up.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

Movements of Fort Pickens.—Southern Military Movements.

New Orleans, May 2.—The Peninsula correspondent of the 23rd inst. reports that the 25th all, says that several barbed guns have been removed from Fort Pickens for some purpose unknown, and nine batteries have been created outside the fort.

The Montgomery correspondent of the same paper says that much anxiety exists relative to the present conflict in the border States, especially Maryland and Virginia. Great activity exists in the War Department. Troops were being hurried into the field, and the Cabinet had decided to call out fourteen regiments in addition to thirty thousand already obtained.

Illinois Legislature.—The Legislature passed a bill to prevent the transportation of telegraphic messages in cipher. It also passed a bill for the purpose of calling out a company of instruction to meet the future call of the General Government. Col. Prentiss, the commanding officer at Cairo, Illinois, has been ordered to report to the War Department. He is to be accompanied by a company of instruction to meet the future call of the General Government.

From Montgomery.—There is nothing of general interest to report. Congress has been mostly in session. The first battalion of the 3rd Alabama regiment left here this morning for Virginia. Two companies of dragoons are ready to leave for Pensacola.

A Regiment to be Raised by Col. Colt.—The War Department has accepted the tender by Colonel Colt of a regiment of ten companies, armed with rifles and sabres, and with their own arms. Colonel Colt also furnishes outfit to drill the men in the use of their arms likewise at his own expense.

Steamer Ashore.—The steamer United States, from Glasgow, for Montreal, is ashore on Bird's Neck. The first battalion of the 3rd Alabama regiment left here this morning for Virginia. Two companies of dragoons are ready to leave for Pensacola.

The Sentence Upon Commander Armstrong.—The sentence of the Court Martial that tried Commander Armstrong for the surrender of the Peninsula Navy Yard, is that he be reprimanded by the Secretary of the Navy and suspended from service without pay for five years.

Capture of U. S. Troops by the Texans.—Major Sibley, with a force of 450 Federal Troops, have been captured by a force of 1,500 Texans, while attempting to escape in two sailing vessels. The officers are in their parole.

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PROPOSALS FOR MAIL BAGS.

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POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT.

MONTGOMERY, March 27, 1861.

SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this Department until 12 o'clock, P. M., of the 1st day of May next, for furnishing the following quantities of mail bags, to be delivered on or before the 1st day of May next:

Class No. 1. (11 inches length and 8 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 2. (11 inches length and 10 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 3. (11 inches length and 12 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 4. (11 inches length and 14 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 5. (11 inches length and 16 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 6. (11 inches length and 18 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 7. (11 inches length and 20 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 8. (11 inches length and 22 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 9. (11 inches length and 24 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 10. (11 inches length and 26 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 11. (11 inches length and 28 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 12. (11 inches length and 30 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 13. (11 inches length and 32 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 14. (11 inches length and 34 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 15. (11 inches length and 36 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 16. (11 inches length and 38 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 17. (11 inches length and 40 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 18. (11 inches length and 42 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 19. (11 inches length and 44 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 20. (11 inches length and 46 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 21. (11 inches length and 48 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 22. (11 inches length and 50 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 23. (11 inches length and 52 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 24. (11 inches length and 54 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 25. (11 inches length and 56 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 26. (11 inches length and 58 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 27. (11 inches length and 60 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 28. (11 inches length and 62 inches circumference) 10,000

Class No. 29. (11 inches length and