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TO ADVERTISERS

The following exhibit of our regular rates will be found of service:

OUR ADVERTISING AGENT. Our advertising agent for the city is Captain William Gibson, who will, as a special opportunity, call upon the old patrons of the Clipper, and to whom any orders in the advertising line can be handed.

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REBEL ESTIMATE OF THE VALUE OF RICHMOND TO THE CONFEDERACY

When taken occasion hitherto to express the opinion that with the fall of Richmond would come the certain and speedy destruction of the rebel Confederacy. With that city as the centre of a great military system made up of Departments, Bureaus, and whatever else is necessary to organize and support armies, the whole insurgent force, kind, kind, had had one eye not to look to as a "Government," where contracts for supplies could be made and met, and whence a currency could be issued—however depreciated—to make a show of satisfying demands on the rebel confederacy.

And then to complete the solemn and accented imposture, Richmond could have been the world at large. Indulgences in "Messages," "Fast Day Proclamations," and other manifestations in the style of the regularly elected and inaugurated Chief Magistrate of the nation, these assumptions and pretensions imposed upon thousands and tens of thousands to make them believe that the rebel confederacy was one of the great powers of the world, wanting only "recognition." This vile seeming has imposed upon the great world abroad, longer than it was supposed possible in the nature of the case.

It is a legacy to our "children," the foolish rebel organ dared to "give" the world with its utterances, all believed, or affected to believe,—that yes, verily, it might be so.

The delusion is passing away; the Union army thundering in the rear of their flying squadrons and scared civil functionaries, announces the great collapse of their plans; the utter failure of their "Government." And if our readers with the rebel conclusions—given out beforehand in regard to the vital importance Richmond has been to them in propping up their tottering fortunes, he has only to scan a few paragraphs from one of the rebel organs, the Richmond Examiner, of February 27th, a little over a month ago. It is:

"Let not this fatal error be harbored till it takes root in the imagination. The evacuation of Richmond would be the loss of all respect and authority toward the Confederate Government, the disintegration of the army, and the abandonment of the scheme of an independent Southern Confederation. The war would then be a mere struggle for the mere defence of a present safety of those immediately present. It is the hope of establishing a Confederacy and securing its recognition among nations, would be gone forever. The common sense of the country, the instinct of every man and woman, the land, contracts, the idea that any possibility of an independent South would remain after its capital was abandoned, its Government set aside, and its army withdrawn into the solitudes of the interior."

"It is idle to pretend that Richmond is of no more importance than Savannah, Atlanta, Mobile or Norfolk, and that its fall will not be fatal to the Confederacy. If it had not been a vital point, why has so much effort been expended for its reduction and its defence? It has been the great objective point of the enemy through four successive campaigns. The Confederacy has spared no pains or exertions, no cost of blood or treasure to make it good its defence. It is the capital of the last of the Confederacy, commanding the entire portion of Virginia east of the Alleghenies, and the most important division of North Carolina. It is situated 119 miles from the sea, yet large ships can unload from its wharves. The occupation of Richmond in strong force by the enemy would necessarily drive the Confederate armies out of Virginia, and render all Eastern North Carolina untenable, and, once gained by a powerful having command of the water, it could never, under any contingency, be recovered by the Confederacy."

"Each contestant in the war has made Richmond the central object of all its plans and all its exertions. It has become the symbol of the Confederacy. Its loss would be material, not to the cause, but to the moral point of view, absolutely destructive, crushing the heart and extinguishing the last hope of the country. Our armies would lose the incentive inspired by a great and worthy object of defence. Our military policy would be totally as we:

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