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The northern papers say that the Lincoln Government succeeded in capturing a mail sent out for Messrs Mason and Slidell after those gentlemen had sailed from Charleston. It seems, according to the enemy's statement, that letters, dispatches, southern newspapers and bills of exchange were started to the Southern Ministers via Havana, of which fact the Yankees obtained information by spies we suppose.

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DANVILLE CONNECTION.—Whoever expects, or even makes the attempt, to please everybody, will discover a smplotin in the first mirror he looks into. If the connection of Greensboro, in North Carolina, with Danville, in Virginia, by Railroad, as recommended by President Davis in his message, were a project for benefiting directly and personally every individual and locality in the State, without any drawbacks whatever, it would be thought sound policy and would be universally popular—pleasing everybody, from the fisherman of the east to the trapper of the west.

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At a meeting of Hopewell Relief Association, Nov. 27th, the following articles of clothing, provisions, &c., were packed and forwarded to Edward Warren, M. D., Surgeon Confederate Army, Charlottesville, Va., for needy soldiers at the place, to-wit: 60 shirts, 12 pairs drawers, 6 towels, cloth purchased and made by the Association. The contributions were as follows: Mrs Thos Glugas, blanket, peck potatoes; Mrs O Campbell 23 doz crackers, 6 pies, peck Irish potatoes; Mrs Thos A Wilson 12 pies, loaf bread; Mrs Robt Henderson, quilt, pillow and case, serge, 10 doz crackers; Bible, peck socks; Mrs Wm A Sample pr sheets; Mrs Margt Davidson Bible; Miss S A Wilson 6 pr socks; Mrs Jane B Whiteley, Miss Nannie Alexander 3 pr socks each; Miss Cashion and Miss Hampton 3 pr socks each; Mrs Robt Whitley, Mrs A B Davidson, Mrs Price Dunc, Miss Laura Hampton, Miss S May Stockton, 2 pr socks each; Mrs S H Davidson, Mrs Wm McKebo, Mrs Joseph Harrison, Mrs Jas M Wilson, Mrs T N McNeely, Miss M A Grier, Mrs Cornelia Alexander, Miss M C Henderson, Miss J Henderson, Mrs M W White, Mrs J M Grier, Mrs J J Alexander 2 peck turnips. The Association also gave 20 shirts, 20 pair drawers and 2 pr socks to the Mecklenburg Farmers, in September.

For the Western Democrat. The following was unavoidably crowded out of our last issue. WAXHAW, Nov. 11th, 1861. Mr. Editor: The following is a list of articles contributed by the Ladies Aid Society of Waxhaw and Cain Creeks. The Society was organized in September...

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The Mayor of Charleston gives notice to any persons who wish to leave the city, that in conformity with the instructions of General Lee, no person will be allowed to leave the city without a permit from the Mayor.

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WAR NEWS. RICHMOND, Nov. 30.—Congress passed yesterday and the President approved to-day, an Act enabling the people of Missouri to elect members to the House of Representatives of the Confederate Congress. Nothing new from the camps.

NASHVILLE, Nov. 29.—A gentleman who arrived from Clarksville this evening, says that a dispatch was received there from Gen. Forrest, which says that a scouting party of 600 cavalry attacked the Lincolnists near Madisonville, Ky., to-day, completely routing them and killing about eighty. No other particulars.

FROM PENNSYLVANIA.—The latest advices from Pennsylvania are to the effect that the officers think there will be no more fighting until the arrival of the fleet, which may be looked for at any moment. The total loss in dead on the Confederate side is seven—six killed by the caving in of the cover of a magazine. The "red flag" floats over our batteries—a standing invitation for the enemy to come on. During the cannonade the cannon fired from Pickens about six thousand shots. It is reported that there are three breaches in Pickens.—Columbia Carolinian.

BURNING THE CROPS.—Charleston, Nov. 29.—The patriotic planters of the sea-board are wisely applying the torch to the crops of cotton and rice. Some of the planters who have not the heart to apply the torch themselves, have authorized the military authorities to destroy their crops to prevent their falling into the hands of the enemy. The plantations on North Edisto and the neighborhood, and elsewhere on the coast of South Carolina, are one sheet of flame and smoke.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 29.—It has been officially ascertained that the Federal Government has taken in the field, and is in process of formation, six hundred thousand volunteers.

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MARRIED. In Newbern, on the 28th ult., Capt. J. N. Whitford to Miss Mary Williamson.

DIED. Near Raleigh, on the 23d ult., Major Charles L. Hinton, aged 69 years. He was Major Treasurer of this State for several years.

NOTICE. All claims against the Saddle and Harness establishment of the subscriber, will be settled by Mr Robert Shaw, and all indebted to the same will please make payment to him, as it is necessary to close up the outstanding business. H. M. PRITCHARD.

COTTON SEED WANTED. The undersigned will pay the highest cash price for Cotton Seed, at their Oil Works, five miles south-east of Charlotte, at Isaac N. Alexander's mills. STEPHENS & WHISNANT.

FOR HIRE. The Negroes of Misses Mary and Martha Johnston, fifteen to twenty in number, will be hired at Catastia Grove on the 1st of January, 1862, for the year. S. X. JOHNSTON, Agent.

WOOL! WOOL! Expected to arrive in a few days, 70,000 LBS. WOOL, which will be sold on accommodating terms. TRELOAR & BLAIR.

Milk Cows. Wanted to purchase two good Milk Cows. Apply at this Office. Dec. 3d.

Attention! Charlotte Beat No. 2. You are hereby summoned to appear at the Churchyard, armed and equipped as the law directs for muster and drill, next Saturday, Dec. 7th, at 10 o'clock A. M. By order, J. N. HUNTER, Capt. H. LIPSON, O. S.

Confederate States of America. DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA. DISTRICT OF CAPE FEAR. At a session of this Court in the town of Wilmington in the above named District, on the 10th day of November, A. D. 1861, it was Ordered, That the next term of the Court be held at the Court House in the town of Salisbury, on the 2d Monday of February, A. D. 1862; and that all cases pending in said Court, be adjourned, and all process be returned to that day. JNO. L. CANTWELL, Clerk.

ATTENTION FARMERS. The Farmers of Mecklenburg county are requested to meet in Charlotte at the Court-House, on Friday, the 6th day of December, to take into consideration the high price of Salt and other necessities of life, and to adopt such measures for their protection against exorbitant prices as the necessity of the times demand. Dec 3, 1861. MANY CITIZENS.

Charlotte Market, Dec. 2, 1861. Produce of all kinds has advanced since our last report, except cotton. Flour has been selling at \$4 to \$4 25 per sack, and the demand is still good. Corn 55 to 60 cents per bushel; Peas 65; Rye \$1 25, but none offering. Wheat has advanced to \$1 25 and \$1 34 per bushel. The demand is not supplied. About 60 bales of Cotton were sold last week. During the first part of the week the price ranged at about 84 cents, but towards the close there was a decline, and we are now authorized to quote it at 77.

Headquarters 85th Reg. N.C. Militia, CHARLOTTE, Nov. 25, 1861. The Commissioned officers of the 85th Regiment will meet in Charlotte on FRIDAY the 6th of December for the purpose of forming two Regiments in Mecklenburg county. By order of the Adjutant General, J. Y. BRYCE, Col. Com.

Save Your LEATHER or Your MONEY. KARL KAHNWEILER, at Dallas, Gaston county, will pay 12 cents for Dry or 44 cts for Green HIDES, or will Tan them for one-half of the Leather. His experience in the business, he feels assured, will enable him to give his friends and customers full satisfaction. Mr. Lay, an experienced workman, or myself, will always be found on the Yard. Please give me a trial. DALLAS, Nov. 26, 1861. KARL KAHNWEILER.

Milburn Paper Mills, RALEIGH, N. C. The Neuse Manufacturing Company pay cash and the highest market price for COTTON AND LINNEN RAGS. [N. B.—Not Woolen Rags.] Present price 3 cents per pound, delivered at either Depot in Raleigh. S. H. ROGERS, Pres't. Address H. W. Husted, Treas'r. Nov 26th.

DUES WANTED. The Book Accounts of J. A. FOX, and also those of J. M. HOWLE, contracted in the Foundry business, are in my hands for settlement and collection. No one else has authority in the latter case. Those interested will act wisely to heed this notice before the 10th of October proximo. A. C. WILLIAMSON, Attorney.

Snuff, Snuff, Snuff! Just received, a fresh lot of genuine Lorillard's High Toast Scotch Snuff. CHAPMAN'S VARIETY STORE. Sept 24, 1861.

NOTICE. The undersigned having qualified as administrator of the estate of H. B. Monteith, at the October sessions, 1861, of Mecklenburg County Court, all persons indebted to said estate are requested to come forward and pay to me; and those having claims against the same are required to present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. A. A. ALEXANDER, Adm'r.

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