

Western Democrat. CHARLOTTE, N. C. Tuesday, May 5, 1863.

LUTHERAN SYNOD.—The Synod of the "Evangelical Lutheran Church of North Carolina" assembled in this place on Thursday last and adjourned on Saturday evening.

STRAW DECLINE.—Flour sold in this place last week at \$20 and \$25 per barrel. Holders are beginning to disagree, and some of them are terribly frightened.

FORESTALLERS.—We regret to learn that some dealers and traders have offered and are offering more than \$1 per pound for Bacon and more than \$3 per bushel for corn (the prices fixed for the Government) and in this way are advancing prices to the injury of our armies and the poor families of women and children.

THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THIS COUNTY, and the Government officers, have resolved not to allow prices to be advanced here beyond those agreed upon by the committee and approved by the farmers generally.

Col. L. S. Williams, of the 85th Regiment N. C. Militia, has resigned. We regret that Col. Williams has felt compelled by other duties to resign.

COTTON FROM ENGLAND.—A New York paper of the 21st ult. says that 1493 bales of Cotton arrived from Liverpool at Boston, on Friday last, and on the same day 1920 bales arrived from the same port at New York.

GREENSBORO PATRIOT.—Mr. M. S. Sherwood, for the last 25 years Editor and Proprietor of the Greensboro Patriot, has retired from the business on account of bad health, and has disposed of the Patriot office to Messrs. A. W. Ingold and J. C. Clendenin.

CONFEDERATE BONDS OF THE \$15,000,000 loan, sold in Richmond last week at 200—that is, a Bond of \$100 brought \$200.

FAIR IN BACON.—The Richmond Sentinel of the 28th ult. says: Bacon has fallen considerably in price within the last few days, and those in moderate circumstances will soon be able to enjoy it.

CONFEDERATE TREASURY NOTES.—The Fayetteville Observer suggests that inasmuch as Confederate Treasury Notes bearing date previous to Dec. 1, 1862, are not fundable at any rate of interest after August 1st, 1863, (but only payable six months after the ratification of a treaty of peace.)

This is a matter about which we had not thought of until we saw the Observer's article, and we do not feel prepared to express a decided opinion as to the best course to pursue.

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"PATRIOTIC."—The Government impressed some Hay in Virginia, and appraisers were selected to value it. They valued it at twenty dollars per hundred!

Thomas E. McNeill, of Bacon, Ga., a competent and thoroughly accomplished machinist and mechanical Engineer, is actively and zealously engaged in organizing a company for the manufacture and supply of locomotives, cars, axles, wheels, and Railroad fittings generally.

We also commend the above to the attention of all Railroad managers. The complaint is made that the rolling stock of Southern Roads is wearing out, and that they are unable to do the business.

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOVERNOR VANCE has had much more to do with the decline in flour and other articles than the funding of Treasury Notes.

EDUCATIONAL CONVENTION. The Educational Convention of the Confederate States assembled in Columbia, S. C., on Tuesday the 28th ult.

The following gentlemen were present as delegates from North Carolina: Rev. C. H. Wiley, Chas. W. Johnston, Willie J. Palmer, S. H. Wiley, Chas. W. Smythe, Saml. Lander, D. S. Richardson, A. D. Wilkinson, E. P. Hall, Wm. Bingham, Dr. J. H. Gibbon, Rev. A. G. Stacy, A. M. Owen.

It would be difficult to over-estimate the influence of primary books in the promotion of character, and the development of mind. Our form of Government is only adapted to a virtuous and intelligent people, and there can be no more important duty of the generation which is passing away, than that of providing for the moral, intellectual and religious culture of those who are to succeed them.

With my best wishes, I am, very respectfully, your fellow-citizen. JEFFERSON DAVIS. EXECUTIVE OFFICE, RICHMOND, VA., April 22, 1863.

DEAR SIR: The circular of the Executive Committee of the Educational Association of North Carolina, has been received, informing me of the design to hold a general Convention of the Teachers of the South, for the purpose of considering the best means of supplying text-books, for schools and colleges, and for promoting the cause of education generally, at Columbia, South Carolina, on the 28th instant, and inviting me to attend.

A Committee was appointed to report a permanent Constitution and By-Laws for the Government of the Association.

Resolved, That it be recommended by this Convention to introduce the Constitution of the Confederate States as a text book in all public schools.

WAR WITH WOMEN.—Our enemies are terrible to our women and children within their lines. They hope to conquer the Confederacy by starving us all out, and especially by tormenting and bullying our noble women wherever they find them unprotected.

NORTHERN ITEMS.—Lincoln says that notwithstanding the late defeat, he will keep pegging away. The fleet must return to Charleston. Burnside's advance has reached Cumberland Gap.

Some of the Lincoln officers, out West, are doing a brisk business by stealing negroes and then selling them again to the planters along the banks of the rivers. Whenever they can do so, they exchange negroes for cotton, having the negroes stowed or ironed and delivered over to the man who purchases them for money or cotton.

Murrill's gang were saints and honest men compared with the villains who are now invading the South. They do not come in the South with the expectation of whipping our armies, but they come for the purpose of robbing and stealing, and they are sending the plunder back to their Northern homes.

IN order to restore the Union, the Yankees commit such depredations as are described in the following paragraph: "The Bethlehem Church, a beautiful building situated about three miles from Suffolk, has been shamefully desecrated. The trees around have been cut down, the blinds of the building torn away, the glass broken, the seats and pulpit burnt, the gallery floors torn up and carried off, and a large space cut out of the middle of the floor of the audience room.

A SUGGESTION.—The Confederate Congress has wisely laid a tax of eight per cent upon all provisions (as well as many other specified things) on hand on the first day of July next, beyond what is necessary for the family consumption of the holder.

LOYAL CITIZENS DRIVEN FROM WASHINGTON, N. C.—It will be seen, from the following order of Gen. Potter, that every loyal person in the town of Washington has been required to leave the place or take the oath of allegiance to Lincoln's Government.

Whereas, there is every reason to believe that during the recent siege, communication has been carried on between residents of this town and the enemy, by means of signals; and whereas, many of the residents have openly displayed their sympathy with the rebel besieging forces:

IN pursuance to the foregoing "General Order," all persons residing within our lines are requested to call forthwith at the office of the Provost Marshal, between the hours of 9 o'clock, a. m., and 1 o'clock, p. m., to give satisfactory evidence of their loyalty to the United States Government.

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THE LATEST FASHIONS.—The London Illustrated News, containing the fashion plates, has arrived through the blockade—from which it was expected that the costume of the ladies is returning to a simple style. Hoops are assuming rational dimensions, and the ball-room dress, compared with the past styles, is almost denuded of ornament.

LATEST NEWS. The news from Virginia is important, though there has been no regular, decisive battle.

FROM THE RAPPAHANNOCK. Great excitement prevailed on yesterday owing to numerous sanguinary rumors about from the Rappahannock. Authentic information places the enemy in a strong force on this side of the Rappahannock, a few miles below Fredericksburg.

FROM EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA. The three companies of the 58th N. C. Regiment engaged in the late severe fight below Kinston (particulars of which will be found in another column) were Capt. Lockhart's from Northampton and Cumberland, Captain Lane's from Henderson, and Capt. Harrel's from Cleveland and Rutherford.

GOOD NEWS.—In Eastern North Carolina our authorities have removed large quantities of provisions from counties heretofore occupied by the enemy. It is stated that seven or eight hundred thousand pounds of Bacon have been obtained in the county of Bertie alone.

FROM THE WEST. CHATTANOOGA, May 1.—All quiet in front. The enemy are within his entrenchments at Stone's River, and are making a desperate, dated, but unsuccessful attack on Suffolk, Va., by Gen. Longstreet, the enemy has left the Albemarle region, and the farmers of that section of the State are pitching large crops of grain.

CONFEDERATE CONGRESS. RICHMOND, May 2.—Congress adjourned sine die, last night, after passing an Act relative to Congressional elections in Tennessee, and the bill, the passage of which has heretofore been reported by telegraph, have been approved and signed by the President, except the Acts relative to the staff, and the Act for the conscription of Marylanders, which were not signed.

MARRIED. On the 30th ult., by John Walker, Esq., McCaskey John, of the County of Wake, to Miss Mary H. McPherson, both of Hillsboro, daughter of the late Matthew Wallace, B. S., all of Mecklenburg county. In Hillsboro, on the 28th ult., Lieut. B. W. Anderson of Raleigh, to Miss Rebecca Bannehan, eldest daughter of Paul C. Cameron, Esq.

DIED. In this town, on Sunday morning last, Willie, son of Wm. A. Cook, aged about 7 years. In Cabarrus county, on the 26th ult., Mrs. Elizabeth Allen, consort of the late Gen. Wm. Allen, aged 92 years. She is a great loss to the neighborhood in which she lived for many years.

The Yankees complain that the projectiles which so damaged their "invulnerable" iron-clad fleet in Charleston harbor, were furnished by the English. The Yankees are mistaken. The most of them were made at the Confederate States' Naval Foundry at this place.

EXECUTOR'S SALE. As the Executor of Gen. Wm. Allen, deceased, I will expose to public sale, at the residence of said deceased in Cabarrus county, on Wednesday the 27th day of May, the PLANTATION on which the said Wm. Allen resided. Also,

Eight Likely Negroes, among them men, women and children: one Share in the Char. & S. C. Railroad; Horses, Mules, Cattle, Hogs, and Grain of various kinds; a lot of Bacon; two Wagons, one Carriage, Gear, Farming Tools, one set of Blacksmith Tools; Household and Kitchen Furniture, and various other articles too tedious to enumerate. Terms made known on day of sale.

POCKET BOOK LOST. On the 23d of April, I lost a Buckskin Pocket Book while coming to Charlotte, somewhere between the residences of John Wolf and Mr. Torrence, on the Potter road. It contained \$1.75 in money—one \$5 Confederate note and two \$1 notes—also, one Note of hand for \$22, dated 28th of February, 1861, drawn by Chas. W. Long and made payable to me. All persons are forewarned against trading for said note. Any one delivering me the Pocket Book and contents will be suitably rewarded. JEREMIAH CLONTS. May 5, 1863. 4t-pd

Headq'r's 86th Reg't., N. C. M., May 4th, 1863. All the Conscripts from this Regiment will report themselves in Charlotte, on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock, m., prepared to leave for the camp in Raleigh. By order of B. F. BROWN, Colonel. May 5, 1863. H. M. PHILIPS, Adj't.

HEADQUARTERS 85th REGIMENT N. C. MILITIA, Charlotte, May 1, 1863. All the Conscripts from this Regiment will report themselves in Charlotte, on Thursday next, at 12 o'clock, m., prepared to leave for the camp in Raleigh. By order of E. C. GRIEL, Major-Com'd. May 5, 1863. J. A. FOX, Adj't.

IRON. I have a few thousand pounds of Wrought Iron (Flow-moulds and bar iron,) which I will exchange for Bacon at the rate of three pounds of Iron for one of Bacon. Middlings preferred. J. W. DERR. Spring Hill Forge, May 5, 1863.

A FRENCH GENTLEMAN, Well acquainted with the English language, and who has had a long experience in teaching, is desirous of obtaining a situation as Professor of French Language in a College, Academy, School or Private Family. If required, he would also teach all the Natural Sciences, as Botany, Natural Philosophy, &c., &c. For further particulars apply, by letter, to G. E. RICH, MANTOUX & CO., Depot Francais, King-street, Charlotte, S. C. May 5, 1863. 1w

To all whom it may concern. All those who have friends or relatives in Generals Ransom's or Daniel's Brigades, are hereby notified that the undersigned will take charge and deliver any articles or clothing which may be sent to them. The undersigned will leave Charlotte on the 6th day of May. All things will be deposited at Koopman & Phelps' Store. WM. R. McLEAN. May 5, 1863.

J. H. STEVENS & CO., CABINET-MAKERS AND UNDERTAKERS From the Cradle to the Grave, — three score years and ten. — We are now prepared to fill all orders in the Undertaking business. Funerals promptly attended to. Shop opposite C. S. Naval Works. May 5, 1863.

COPPERAS. TAYLOR & ASBURY are now prepared to furnish by the ton or otherwise, a fine article of Copperas, superior to any English offered in market. Druggists and Apothecaries supplied with a chemically pure article. Address TAYLOR & ASBURY, Charlotte, N. C. May 5, 1863.

CHARLOTTE MARKET, MAY 4. Bacon 1 00 to 90 per lb. Lard 80 to 90 " Corn 3 00 to 0 00 per bushel Meal 2 75 to 3 00 per bushel Peas 2 75 to 3 00 per bushel Flour 820 to \$ 90 per barrel Butter 1 00 to 1 25 " Eggs 40 to 45 per dozen Chickens 75 to 80 each Beef 30 to 35 per lb. Sugar 1 00 to 1 25 " Molasses, none Nails \$100 per keg. We have no material alteration to make in prices this week, except in Flour, which has declined to \$20 per barrel.

STRAYED From the subscriber, on the 5th of April, six head of cattle—among them two Milch Cows, one a brown cow, the other white and black, both large and fine; the brown cow had a very large bell on; neither of them are marked. There was also among them a red Yearling, marked with a yellow-fork in each ear. Any information so that I may get them will be thankfully received and a liberal reward given. R. A. McLEOD. Address me at Charlotte, N. C. April 28th, 1863. 1m

Taken up And committed to the Jail of Mecklenburg county, N. C., about the 17th of April, 1863, a negro boy who says his name is JOE, and is about 17 years old, 5 feet 5 inches high, dark complexion, and has rather an intelligent appearance. He had on when committed to jail a grey coat and dark pantaloons, both very dirty. The said negro says he belongs to Washington Price of Mississippi, but was recently in the employ of Needham Price, living ten miles from Raleigh, N. C., where he reports he was left by his young master on his way to the army. The owner of said negro is hereby notified to come forward, prove property, pay charges, and take him away, or he will be dealt with as the law directs. R. M. WHITE, Sheriff of Mecklenburg county. April 28, 1863. CHARLOTTE, April 24th, 1863.

The undersigned would respectfully call the attention of all concerned to the following extract from "Order No. 8," issued by Colonel Peter Mallat, Commandant, Conscription, N. C.: "IV. Applications for the detail of employes of Quartermasters, Commissaries and Surgeons must be made to the Bureau of Conscription through the heads of their respective Departments." Lt. JESSE R. McLEAN, P. A. C. S. En. Officer 8th Co. Dis. P. S.—My address is Salisbury, N. C. April 28, 1863.

WANTED TO PURCHASE. A small Farm of about 100 acres, near Charlotte. Apply at this office. April 28, 1863.