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**NOTICE.**  
Application will be made to A. C. Williamson, Esq., Confederate States Depository at Charlotte, after thirty days notice, for a Duplicate Certificate of the 4 per cent. Loan for Twelve Hundred Dollars issued in the name of Mrs. M. P. Robinson, Number 130, dated 1st March, 1864. The original of said Certificate having been lost, all persons are hereby cautioned not to trade for the same.  
JAMES P. LEAK,  
of Rockingham, Richmond Co., N. C.  
Feb. 6, 1865.

**NOTICE.**  
All persons having claims against the estate of Joel Alexander, deceased, are notified to present them for payment within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
L HUNTER, Ex'r.  
Feb. 6, 1865 4t-pd

**Administrator's Notice.**  
As Administrator of Matthew L. Wallace, deceased, I will sell at the residence of Abraham Smith, on Friday the 3d of March, all the unwilld property of the said deceased, consisting of two Horses, a few Cattle and Hogs, &c.  
All persons indebted to the deceased are requested to settle, and those having claims against him must present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
L HUNTER, Adm'r with the Will annexed.  
Feb. 6, 1865 4t-pd

**\$100 REWARD.**  
Ranaway from the residence of A. R. Henderson, on the Catawba River, about the 1st of September, 1864, a negro boy named JIM, the property of J. T. Jones, of Norfolk, Va. Said boy is about 12 or 13 years of age, brown color, very smart and intelligent, and quick to answer when spoken to. He is supposed to have gone off with some cavalry company towards Virginia. A reward of One Hundred Dollars will be paid for his delivery to me in Charlotte, or for his confinement in any Jail in the Confederacy, with notice to me of such confinement, or I will pay half the above sum for any information that will enable me to recover him.  
ROBERT F. DAVIDSON,  
Agent of J. T. Jones, Esq., of Norfolk, Va.  
Charlotte, N. C., Jan 23, 1865. 6t-pd

**PROVISION AND COMMISSION HOUSE,**  
OPPOSITE THE MANSION HOUSE, SPRINGS BUILDING,  
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**W. BOYD**  
Will attend punctually to buying and selling Tobacco, Cotton, Nails, Iron, Cotton Yarn, Domestic Bank Bills, Bonds, Stocks, &c., &c.  
Permit me to say to my immediate fellow-citizens that I have been raised among you, my habits and way of doing business known to you, and from my long experience in business I hope to share a liberal patronage.  
I am prepared to store Tobacco, Sugar, Salt, Cotton Yarn, &c.  
Rooms opposite the Mansion House in Springs' brick building.  
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Jan 16, 1865 4t

**"GARRETT DAVIS."**  
This well-known Horse will serve the public during the ensuing season, commencing the first of March. He will stand at my stable in Charlotte, and persons bringing their Mares to town can be accommodated at any time.  
One hundred dollars for the use of the Horse during the season, and \$10 to the groom--in all cases to be paid in advance. Provisions at market prices will be received in payment.  
R. RABE.  
Jan. 23, 1865. 4t

**Southern Express Company.**  
CHARLOTTE, N. C., Nov. 21, 1864.  
On and after this date all Boxes which are securely fastened and strapped, containing stores for the N. C. Troops in the field, marked to the care of Surgeon General Warren, Raleigh, will be forwarded without expense to either shipper or consignee, and will have preference over all other freight excepting that of the same class from other States.  
L. F. BATES,  
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**REHOBOTH FURNACE,**  
In Blast,  
3 miles north-east of Iron Station, Lincoln Co., N. C.  
The proprietors are prepared to do Casting of all kinds.  
Address,  
SHIPP & REINHARDT,  
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**SALT! SALT!!**  
**VIRGINIA SALT,**  
In exchange for Bacon, Pork, Corn or Molasses.  
YOUNG, WRISTON & ORR.  
Nov 28, 1864 4t

**CARRIAGE WORK,**  
Wagon-work and Wood-work of all kinds, and Blacksmithing.

The subscriber has removed his Workshops to the stand formerly occupied by Charles Overman, near the Presbyterian Church, where he is prepared to do all kinds of work in his line. Repairing will always receive prompt attention.  
He will work at old prices and take provisions in payment at the same rates, or he will charge an equivalent in Confederate money.  
CHARLES WILSON.  
Charlotte, Jan. 9, 1865 4t

**NOTICE.**  
All persons leaving Charlotte by Railroad are required to obtain Passports at the Provost Marshal's Office. By order,  
Lieut. G. W. GRAGSON,  
Provost Marshal.  
Oct 17, 1864 4t

**NOTICE.**  
All persons having claims against the estate of F. N. Query, deceased, will present them to me for payment within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.  
N. S. ALEXANDER, Adm'r.  
Feb. 13, 1865 3td

**CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT.**  
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The President serves six years.

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16 Charles W Russell.  
37 old members and 40 new members.

**NOTICE.**  
We positively forbid all persons--white and black, poor and rich--from fishing in our Mill Pond. Any one caught violating this notice will certainly be prosecuted. We can no longer bear the deprivations that have been committed on our premises.  
PARKS & WALLIS.  
Oct 24, 1864.

**On Consignment,**  
Star Candles; 100,000 English Percussion Caps; small lot of fine French Broad Cloth, black; 800 feet heavy English Sole Leather Belting, 12 inches wide; 125 feet do. 6 inches wide; 200 feet do. 4 inches wide.  
500 Lbs Liquorice, suitable for Tobaccoists.  
A lot of slightly damaged Sheetting.  
12 dozen pairs Cotton Cards, Rice, &c.  
500 Sacks dry-Virginia Salt,  
1,000 Boxes Tobacco,  
100 Reams Paper, commercial note,  
300 Kegs Nails, well assorted.  
C. F. HARRIS & CO.,  
Auctioneers, Commission Merchants & Brokers.  
Jan 9, 1865. 4t

**CHARLOTTE HOTEL,**  
BY J. B. KERR, Proprietor.  
This old established and well-known Hotel is still kept open for the accommodation of travelers. The table is supplied with the best market and times afford.  
J. B. KERR.  
Sept 26, 1862 4t

## The Western Democrat.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

**CHARLOTTE & S. C. RAILROAD.**--We are requested to state that the regular day schedule will be run on this Road from and after this date to Chester and back, and that all officers, agents and employes with their hands, are ordered to return to their respective duties as far down as Blackstocks.

Six men (members of the Foreign Battalion, or "galvanized yankees") were shot near this town for the crime of desertion. They deserted since their command has been encamped in this vicinity, were caught below here, and brought back and executed--four on Wednesday and two on Sunday.

We learn that several horses have been stolen in this town and county within the last 12 days. Orders have been sent out to shoot any one seizing horses who has not the proper authority to impress. We think it probable that many of those who profess to have authority to take horses and mules are nothing but rogues.

Gen. Jos. E. Johnston assumed supreme command of the Army of Tennessee, (which has been encamped in this neighborhood for several days) and issued the following order:  
Headquarters, Charlotte, N. C.,  
February 25, 1865. }

**General Order No. 1.**  
In obedience to the orders of the General-in-Chief, the undersigned assumes command of the Army of Tennessee and all troops in the Department of South Carolina, Georgia and Florida. He takes this position with strong hope, because he will have in council and in field the aid of the high talents and skill of the distinguished General whom he succeeds.

He exhorts all absent soldiers of the Army of Tennessee to rejoin their Regiments and again confront the enemy they so often encountered in Northern Georgia, and always with honor. He assures his comrades of that Army who are still with their colors, that the confidence in their discipline and valor which he so publicly expressed is undiminished.  
J. E. JOHNSTON,  
General.

**WHAT INJURES THE CONFEDERATE CAUSE.**  
--The Raleigh Confederate makes the following truthful remarks, and we hope they will meet the eye of some officer who has the power and disposition to reform the abuses alluded to:  
"Beyond question, much, very much, has happened to gress, annoy, harass and disgust the public. Officers of the Government are to be found in every department who have shamed the uniform they wore and the country they represented. Corruption--marked, unmitigated corruption--has stalked through the land, and penetrated more or less the various departments of the government. Commencing with the conscription for the army, where the highest incentives were upon officers to act justly, fairly, faithfully and honestly, Senator Sparrow says there has been the grossest corruption. Many who ought to have been in the field have purchased exemptions with money. So of Medical Boards. It is ascertained that thousands of able-bodied men have been kept out of the service by them. So of Quartermasters, Commissaries and Impressing Agents. Many of them made themselves infamous and the cause odious by flagrant corruption and bad practices, by which the country injured and outraged. Again: even among those officers who have not been corrupt, there have been in many instances loose and disorderly habits, offensive ostentation, supercilious demonstrations of power, favoritism and partiality. Again: men, after obtaining posts of care, in many instances have become lukewarm, indifferent, and in some cases hostile to the cause; and have wilfully contributed to its hindrance. Again: as a result of our want of experience in the study of war, a vast number of useless and unnecessary officers have been thrust upon the public, causing offence by their very number, and by the seeming idleness which their want of occupation created. Again: much in the system of provost marshals, guards, passports, &c, have been inconvenient, oppressive and distasteful.

All these evils ought to be uprooted. These enemies--base, villainous enemies--who violate the sacred trust of office, to the corrupt aggrandizement of self, should be brought to punishment, and all men who are assigned duties to perform, whether as officers or privates, should constantly bear in mind that according as he conducts himself well or bad, he promotes or hinders the cause of his country.

Unless there is speedy reform we would not be surprised to see a growing feeling to stop the war on almost any terms.

**HUMBUGGERY.**--Gov. Brown, in his late message to the Georgia Legislature, talks about Georgia having been abandoned to her fate by the Confederate authorities. It looks like the people at home in Georgia are to blame, and not the Confederate authorities. If they had turned out and met Sherman and blockaded his road he could not have marched through the State triumphantly. There is a great deal of humbuggery about Gov. Brown--he has done much to demoralize the people of his State. The Georgia soldiers have fought gallantly in this war, but the people at home appear to have lost the spirit of resistance. The President and the Confederate authorities cannot secure independence without the co-operation of the people.

It is stated that a vote was taken among the troops in Gen. Pickett's Division on the question of employing negroes in the army, and resulted in a very large majority voting in favor of the measure. The feeling in favor of using negroes in the army is certainly increasing, whether it is right or wrong.

## WARNING TO WHISKEY DRINKERS.

Editor of the Salisbury Watchman: One of the Senior Reserves from this county, whose post of duty is guarding the prisoners in Salisbury, came under my professional care and treatment on last week. This man was an honest and industrious citizen--he used ardent spirits--yet very rarely indulged to the extent of inebriation--and his pecuniary circumstances and the present price of liquor render it very improbable that he indulged very freely of late. I found him however, suffering from a most virulent attack of "Gastritis" (inflammation of the stomach) which resisted all treatment, rapidly assuming a typhoid character ending in low muttering, delirium, hicough, and death. I have very rarely seen a case run so rapid and uncontrollable a course, and can only account for it from a clear conviction that he was poisoned with drugged liquor. He had none of the common symptoms of "mania Potu" such as wild delirium--nervous tremor--muscular twitching and horrible hallucinations--but all the symptoms that are manifested after swallowing deadly poison! demonstrating that the quality more than the quantity of his potations did the work of death.

I write this brief history of his case as a warning to all his fellow soldiers who daily or habitually patronize the grog shops. Let them remember as they bear off their canteens filled with the fiery liquid that in there is largely diffused the potent elements of DEATH--such as arsenic, strychnine, oil of tobacco, sulphuric acid, &c, &c, all deadly poisons, and if they expect to indulge--even in moderation--in these poisoned beverages without sapping the very fountains of life, they will find out alas! too late, as this poor fellow did, their sad mistake. A word to the wise is sufficient.  
A. A. SCROGGS.

**DISCOVERING A THIEF.**  
After Lorenzo Dow had retired to his room, after a hard day's travel in the western part of Virginia, a number of persons collected in the bar-room to enjoy their usual reveries, as was the custom in that part of the country. At a late hour in the night, the alarm was given that one of the company had lost his pocket book, and a search ensued. Whereupon the landlord remarked that Lorenzo Dow was in the house, and that if the money was there he knew that Lorenzo could find it. The suggestion was instantly received with approbation, and accordingly Mr Dow was aroused from his slumbers, and brought forth to find the money. As he entered the room, his eyes ran through the company with searching inquiry, but nothing appeared that could fix guilt upon any one. The loser appeared with a countenance expressive of great concern, and besought Dow, for heaven's sake, to find the money.  
"Have any left of the company since you lost your money?" said Mr Dow.  
"None," said the loser, "none."  
"Then," said Lorenzo, turning to the landlord, "go and bring me a large dinner pot."  
This created no little surprise. But, accordingly the pot was brought forward, and set in the middle of the room.  
"Now," said Lorenzo, "go and bring the old chicken cock from the roost."  
This was also done; and at Lorenzo's directions, the cock was placed in the pot and covered over with a board or lid.  
"Let the door now be fastened, and the lights extinguished," said Mr Dow; which was also done.  
"Now," said he, "every person in the room must rub his hand hard against the pot, when the guilty hand touches the cock will crow."  
Accordingly, all came forward and rubbed, or pretended to rub against the pot. But no cock crowed.  
"Let the candles now be lighted," said Lorenzo; "there is no guilty person here; if the man had any money, he must have lost it some place else. But stop," said Lorenzo, when all things were prepared, let us now examine the hands.  
This was the important part of his arrangement, for, on examination, it was found that one man had rubbed the pot. The others' hands being black with the soot from the pot, was a proof of their innocence.  
"There," said Lorenzo, pointing to the man with clean hands, "that is the man who picked your pocket."  
The culprit, seeing his detection, at once acknowledged his guilt, and gave up the money.

**SIXTY THOUSAND PERSONS DROWNED IN INDIA.**--Later advices reveal the full extent of the disaster inflicted by the terrible cyclone in India. A Calcutta letter to the London Times, just received, says:  
"I get that the news of 12,000 persons having been lost in the cyclone, was received with incredulity in England. The estimate was wide of the truth, but only because it underestimated the calamity. As every one who knows this country will readily conceive, there is no possibility of ascertaining precisely the loss of life, because hundreds might be swept away and leave no trace behind. But we are not without data for arriving at a conclusion, and it has now been calculated that there cannot be fewer than 60,000 persons drowned, or otherwise killed by that fearful storm. In the Island of Sango alone, before the cyclone, there were 8,200. There are now about 1,200; nor have any left it to go elsewhere. Seven thousand were carried clean away by the storm wave. All up the river the population has been swept off, if not in the same proportion, yet in very large numbers. As we all anticipated, disease is raging everywhere--cholera, fever, and small pox. The epidemic fever which I have mentioned in previous letters this year, is depopulating whole districts."

We are glad to be able to announce that all Yankee prisoners confined here have been removed for exchange--Salisbury Watchman.

**A FEMALE ADVENTURER.**--A young woman named Mollie Bean, dressed in male attire, was sent to this city on the charge of being a suspicious character. It appeared that she had been serving in the 47th N. C. Regiment for two years, and during that time had been wounded twice. She was committed to Castle Thunder.--Richmond Sentinel.

## OFFICIAL ORDERS.

CONSCRIPT OFFICE,  
Raleigh, N. C., Feb. 17, 1865.

The attention of Enrolling Officers is called to the following General Order from Headquarters Armies of the Confederate States:  
Headquarters, Armies of Confederate States,  
11th February, 1865.

In entering upon this campaign about to open, the General-in-Chief feels assured that the soldiers who have so long and so nobly borne the hardships and dangers of the war, require no exhortation to respond to the calls of honor and duty. With the liberty transmitted by their forefathers, they have inherited the spirit to defend it.

The choice between war and abject submission is before them.  
To such a proposal, brave men with arms in their hands, can have but one answer.  
They cannot barter manhood for peace, nor the right of self-government for life or property.

But justice to them requires a sterner admonition to those who have abandoned their comrades in the hour of peril.  
A last opportunity is offered them to wipe out the disgrace, and escape the punishment of their crimes.

By authority of the President of the Confederate States, a pardon is announced to such deserters and men improperly absent, as shall return to the commands to which they belong, within the shortest possible time, not exceeding twenty days from the publication of this order at the Headquarters of the Department in which they may be.

Those who may be prevented by interruption of communications, may report within the time specified, to the nearest enrolling officer, or other officer on duty, to be forwarded as soon as practicable, upon presenting a certificate from such officers, showing compliance with the requirement, will receive the pardon hereby offered.

Those who have deserted to the service of the enemy, or have deserted after having been once pardoned for the same offence, and those who shall desert, or absent themselves without authority, after the publication of this order, are excluded from its benefits. Nor does the offer of pardon extend to other offences than desertion and absence without permission.

By the same authority, it is also declared, that no general amnesty will again be granted, and those who refuse to accept the pardon now offered, or who shall hereafter desert or absent themselves without leave, shall suffer such punishment as the Courts may impose, and no application for clemency will be entertained.

Taking new resolution from the fate which our enemies intend for us, let every man devote all his energies to the common defence.

Our resources, wisely and vigorously employed, are ample, and with a brave army, sustained by a determined and united people, success, with God's assistance, cannot be doubtful.

The advantages of the enemy will have but little value if we do not permit them to impair our resolution. Let us then oppose constancy to adversity, fortitude to suffering, and courage to danger, with the firm assurance that He who gave freedom to our fathers, will bless the efforts of their children to preserve it.

R. E. LEE, General.

Enrolling Officers will make every effort to give publicity to this important order, and will urge all good citizens of their respective counties to aid them in rendering its design successful.

It will be observed that this is the last offer of pardon for the infamous crime of desertion that will be made. Enrolling officers are made responsible, under a penalty of trial by court martial, that every possible effort is made to apprehend all such as do not report themselves.

Enrolling Officers will allow such as voluntarily report within the specified time, to go direct to their commands, furnishing them transportation and the necessary certificate.

A duplicate of every certificate thus given will be forwarded to this Office.  
By order of the Command