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N. C. RAILROAD COMPANY.

The annual meeting of this company was held in Greensboro on the 11th inst. We learn from a friend who was present that the Directors elected by the stockholders are: J. M. Morehead, D. A. Davis, Wm. Murdock and Thos. Webb.

While it is right and proper for the Southern people to obey the powers that be, whether military or civil, and acquiesce in such terms as Congress and Gen. Sikes may prescribe, it ought not to be expected of us that we will quietly submit to the teachings of bad, sneaking, cunning men who come into this State and go about the country deceiving the colored man with false promises and arraying him in feeling against the white man.

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Since writing the above, we are gratified to learn from the Fayetteville News that one mischief-maker has been arrested. The News says: "The Provost Court, established in accordance with a recent order of Gen. Sikes, convened here yesterday."

Important Action.—It will be seen by the proceedings of the U. S. Senate on the 11th, that Mr. Drake, of Missouri, introduced an amendment to the reconstruction bill demanding additional "guarantees" before Representatives from the Southern States should be admitted.

Mr. Editor.—We desire, through your columns, to notice the literary exercises at the examination on the 6th instant, at Sardinia Academy, located seven miles South-west of Charlotte.

Dealers who want to purchase Lime, Plaster, &c., are referred to the advertisement of Messrs. Worth & Daniel, Wilmington, N. C.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Lime, Plaster, Cement and Hair.—Worth & Daniel, Wilmington, N. C. Gold Mine Laborers Wanted.—B. J. Curleton. A New Cotton-Tie—Brem, Brown & Co. Administrator's Notice.—P. M. Morris, Adm'r. Tax Notice.—R. M. White, Sheriff. Blackberries Wanted at Davidson's Furniture Store. Excutor's Notice.—W. B. Withers, Executor. Turnip Seed at Scarr's Drug Store.

PATRIOTIC WORDS.—On the 4th of July, the Rev. Geo. W. Pepper, Chaplain of the 40th Regiment U. S. Army, delivered an Oration in Raleigh at a Republican Mass Meeting, in which we find the following kind words for the South and the Southern people:

"And while inflexibly demanding that the Reconstruction measures of Congress shall be heartily and promptly accepted by those recently in rebellion, let us also be magnanimous towards a brave, but mistaken people. They have proved themselves foemen worthy of our steel—stand before the world as the most masterly revolutionists of any age or history. Let us attach these erring brethren to the Union, not by fear, but by the golden link of gratitude.

The last sentence of the above, especially, shows the speaker to be a gentleman and an honest man. He emphatically and justly reprobates a robbing and plundering scheme, which, if ever adopted, will result in the ruin and overthrow of the Government and the desolation of both sections of the country.

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Mr. Geo. A. Andrew of Davidson College, informs us that he had Cotton blooms in his plantation on the 20th of June. He speaks encouragingly of crop prospects in his part of the county.

There are many plantations in these States, not cultivated at all, or only half cultivated. If the owners, who can neither plant nor afford to keep their lands idle, would divide their useless lands into small farms of twenty acres each, and sell them at fair prices to honest, industrious, and thrifty laborers, the cry of "confiscation" would soon be lost in the glee of busy labor; the noise of landless agitators would be hushed in the repose of a contented, happy peasantry."

We learn that the Rev. Dr. Craven, President of Trinity College, will preach the Annual Sermon before the young ladies of Mecklenburg Female College, on Sunday the 28th inst. Commencement Exercises on Monday the 29th.

GOOD ADVICE.—The Hon. Mr. Goggin, a prominent Virginian, in a letter on public affairs, gives the following sensible advice: "Let all the former masters and others with them at once set about the work of reconstruction in earnest, and in good faith. If they will, and their faith is seen by their works, they will soon have the aid and co-operation of the former slaves. In the next place, we should, on both sides, carefully avoid all harshness, distrust or alienation toward our old masters and new freedmen. As was once said, 'We are all Federalists—we are all Republicans,' so we should now be all friends as well as all citizens. Let every man remember he has a part to perform. Let it be the part of honor, of duty, of fair dealing, of christian charity and kindness.

NOT RIGHT.—President Johnson makes Congress mad about the reconstruction matter, and Congress consequently draws the clamps a little closer on the South. The President jobs Congress or some military commander, and Congress and the military job us. It is not exactly right to make the South suffer for the sins of Andrew Johnson or anybody else.

In view of the execution of Maximilian by the Mexicans, a member of the French Senate spoke as follows: Let us trust that the United States will strive to the last to prevent a misfortune like this: let us to the last, it is upon all that the responsibility of it would rest. Such are the sentiments which I desire to express in the Senate. They are those of France."

Although the United States, by the aid it gave the enemies of Maximilian, have incurred the displeasure of foreign nations, yet it does not become a French Senator to talk about responsibility when it is notorious that the cowardly desertion of Maximilian by Napoleon caused his downfall. It is true, Napoleon withdrew the French troops from Mexico at the demand or threat of the United States, but that does not relieve the French from censure, inasmuch as their Government induced Maximilian to undertake the rule of Mexico.

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If it is meant that all who have taken an oath of office to support the Constitution of the United States, and afterwards engaged in rebellion, or given aid and comfort, &c., are disfranchised, this should be expressly declared; otherwise, if left to construction, it may be held that no other officers are included than those classes enumerated in Article VI. of the Constitution, and that even as to these a full pardon excludes the disfranchisement.

THE INDIAN WAR.—Deperate Battles between the Indians and Federal Troops in Colorado.—The following has just been received at headquarters from General Custar's command, office at Riverside, Colorado, forty miles west of Fort Sedgewick, July 6:

On the 24th ult., forty Sioux attacked a detachment of twenty-five men, under Captain Hamilton, near the forks of the Republican. After a gallant fight the Indians were defeated and driven off, with a loss of two warriors killed and several wounded, Hamilton losing only one.

WOMEN'S RIGHTS.—During the discussion in the committee on suffrage in the New York convention, Mrs. Cady Stanton and Miss Anthony were heard in favor of giving the right of voting to women, and the following colloquy ensued: Mr. Greeley wished to know if the friends of the movement had it in contemplation that jurors should be drawn indiscriminately from men and women.

SOMETHING CURIOUS, AS WELL AS DANGEROUS.—A gentleman in this city placed, on yesterday, some water in a large globular jar, such a one as those displayed in Druggists' windows, and set it in the sun on a shelf in the piazza, for the purpose of warming it somewhat for ablation—Beneath the jar was spread a newspaper. The rays of the sun, in the course of the morning, were concentrated by it, as by a lens, and the sheet of paper ignited. When discovered, it had scorched the paper and scorched the wood. Who can tell but what, in some such manner as this, fires may have sometimes originated?—Raleigh Sentinel.

From the U. S. Agricultural Report for July.

INCREASE OF THE WHEAT CROP.—The harvest is gathered in Georgia, and the Gulf States with very gratifying results. The average of winter wheat is as large in the majority of the States as last year, though it is less in a few of the principal wheat-growing States.

Ohio reports an average improvement upon last year of 160 per cent; Indiana 78 per cent; Illinois 15 per cent; Michigan 89 per cent; Wisconsin 22 per cent; Minnesota 7 per cent; Missouri 39 per cent; Kentucky 53 per cent; Virginia 100 per cent; North Carolina 40 per cent; Tennessee 53 per cent; and other States with the exception only of Texas, making a favorable comparison with last year.

Oats.—The average of oats is larger than usual; in the west, Ohio is the only State which cannot show an increase. The crop is somewhat variable in the south, far above an average; in New York, ten per cent below; in Pennsylvania, six per cent; in Kentucky, fourteen per cent.—In the west generally the prospect is better than last year.

ABOUT THE CROPS.—We could not but think at the time when the newspapers of the South were all filled with loud-mouthed waivings and lamentations over the utter destruction of the crops in the South, consequent upon the heavy rains, that many of the reports were overdrawn, and that when the waters had subsided the aggregate loss would be found to be far short of that which was at first so confidently predicted.

WHEAT AND OAT CROPS.—As reported previously, these crops have turned out fine. The farmers are busy thrashing out the former and gathering in the latter from the fields.—Lancaster Ledger.

THE CROPS.—In Mississippi the wheat harvest is more than an average one. A great deal of corn is being raised. The cotton crop may prove a failure owing to the backward spring, and an early Fall will ruin it.

All Europe mourns the death of Maximilian. The Government of England, it is stated, will recall the British Legation, and withdraw from diplomatic relations with the administration of Juarez. That of France has sent out an order suspending all the functions of the French Consul in the Republic.

A funny case came before a Justice in Milwaukee the other day. A young woman who had accepted the attentions and civilities of a gentleman for some time, at length was married to somebody else, whereupon the deceived individual sued for a bill of \$204 25, the amount he paid in her behalf in taking her to concerts, operas, picnics, rides and ice cream saloons.

LIST OF THE PARDONED.—Major F. U. Stitt, the pardon clerk, on Saturday last handed to the President a list of all those pardoned from the States of North Carolina, South Carolina, and Mississippi, embracing in all about 3,000 names, which list will be transmitted to the House of Representatives, in answer to their resolution some time since.

LIME, PLASTER, Cement and Hair. A large supply always on hand, and for sale on most favorable terms, by WORTH & DANIEL, Wilmington, N. C. Monthly receipts of fresh Lime from Maine. July 15, 1867. 6m

OLD CHARLOTTE BANK, SPRINGS BUILDING, TRADE STREET, CHARLOTTE, N. C. We beg to inform the mercantile community of Charlotte, that we are furnishing New York Exchange at par.

Gold and Silver Coins and Bullion, Southern Bank Notes, Bonds, Coupons, &c., bought and sold at a small margin. BRENZER, KELLOGG & PETERS, Brokers. July 15, 1867

Latest News.

PROCEEDINGS OF CONGRESS.

WASHINGTON, July 12th.—In the Senate, Mr. Chandler called up the resolution directing the Committee on Foreign Relations to enquire how many Mexican soldiers were executed after their capture. He said that Maximilian's operations were a part of the rebellion. If he had succeeded, the decree of '66 would have been inflicted on Union soldiers. Maximilian signed his own death warrant in signing that decree. He ought not to have died by the bullet. The officer capturing him should have hung him to the first tree. This was not done, and it proved the Mexicans to be a civilized people. The course of this government toward Mexico is cowardly.

In the House, Mr. Julian asked leave to introduce a resolution, ordering the Reconstruction Committee to report a bill forfeiting lands granted to the Southern States for Railroad purposes, stating that there were five millions of acres of the best land in the South in the hands of rebel corporations, which the poor man, white and black, should have for homesteads. Mr. Wood objected. Mr. Julian moved to suspend the rules. The rules were suspended by a vote of 99 to 35, and the resolution was so modified as to embrace only Mississippi, Alabama, Florida, Arkansas and Louisiana, and passed.

One of the House amendments to the reconstruction act is to the effect that the opinion of any civil officer of the government, whether District or State, Commanders or any of their subordinates, and State officers must take the iron clad oath.

MARKETS. New York, July 13.—Cotton dull at 26 1/2 cents. Gold 139 3/4.

REGISTRATION.—The 15th of the present month was the time fixed by Gen. Sikes for the registration of voters to commence in this State, but the following dispatch shows that the matter is postponed: CHARLESTON, July 9.—Gen. Sikes has been directed not to begin registration in this military district until Congress shall have determined more explicitly who are entitled to be registered.

CHARLESTON, July 11, 1867. To his Excellency Jonathan Worth, Governor of North Carolina: The Registration of voters in this Military District, provided by Gen. Order No. 18, dated May 8, 1867, will not take place until further orders. By command of Gen. Sikes.

SAD ACCIDENT.—While Mr. C. L. Banner, a well known citizen of this county, living near Salem, was driving through town several evenings since, accompanied by his wife, the animal which he drove suddenly took fright and ran, upsetting the buggy and dangerously injuring the aged gentleman and his lady. Mr. B. was violently thrown against a fence, by which one of his legs was broke, a wrist sprained, and his body literally covered with bruises. Mrs. B. suffered no injury save heavy bruises.—Salem Observer.

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The Mexican authorities having refused the request of the commander of the Austrian frigate Elizabeth for the body of Maximilian, we now learn, per cable, that the Austrian government will immediately dispatch a fleet for the body.—The New York Tribune observes:—"All the European governments show the most intense excitement, and it can hardly be doubted that but for the United States a new and formidable combination of European powers against the republican government of Mexico would be formed."

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NOTICE. Having qualified as Executor of R. H. Johnston, deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons indebted to said Estate, to come forward and pay up as early as possible, and those that can't pay had better call and see me and let me know whether they can pay or not.

Administrator's Notice. Having qualified as Administrator of Laird Alexander, deceased, hereby notify all persons indebted to his estate to come forward and make settlement; and those having claims against said estate must present them properly authenticated within the time prescribed by law or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. P. M. MORRIS, Administrator with the Will annexed. July 15, 1867 1mpd

Gold Mine Laborers. I want to employ several good steady laborers to work in and about the Howie or Curleton Gold Mine, in Union county, 10 miles from Monroe. Good wages will be paid by the month. B. J. CURLETON, B. J., Superintendent. July 15, 1867 1mpd

WOOL CARDING AT LONG SHOALS PAPER MILLS, 4 Miles from Lincoln, Lincoln County, N. C. The subscribers respectfully inform their customers and the public generally that they have just completed the fitting up of their machinery with the latest and most improved Cards, and are now prepared to execute all orders with promptness and dispatch.

CHARLOTTE MARKET, July 15, 1867. CORRECTED BY STEPHENSON, MACAULAY & CO. Cotton.—Very little offering, and is readily taken up to fill orders from home manufacturers on the basis of 20 1/2 cents for middling—tax paid by purchaser. The demand is in excess of the supply, more especially as regards the finer grades of which the market is rather bare.

Flour, in demand, and now is selling from wagons at \$7 to \$7.25 per sack; from stores \$7.50 to \$7.75. Corn advanced to \$1.50 from stores—market barely supplied. Corn Meal, \$1.60 to \$1.65—scarce. Peas, \$1.50. Oats 65 to 70 cents.

Wheat, \$1.75 for prime Red, \$2 for prime White. Bacon, 13 1/2 to 14 cents for shoulders, 15 1/2 cents for rib sides, and 16 1/2 to 17 cents for clear sides. Lard, 16 to 18 cents. Salt.—Liverpool Salt, \$3.75 per sack, standard weight. Corn Whiskey is held at \$2.25 to \$2.50 per gallon—market well supplied. Molasses, 80 cents to \$1 by retail. Chickens in demand at 23 cents, Eggs 15, Butter 20 to 25 cents.