

Western Democrat. W. J. YATES, Editor and Proprietor. CHARLOTTE, N. C. September 10, 1867. 16TH VOLUME.

We have entered on the publication of the sixteenth volume of the WESTERN DEMOCRAT, and we presume it will not be considered egotistical or boastful for us to say that we are satisfied with the success which we have met as a newspaper publisher, and gratified at the confidence and support received from the people of the State, and especially of this immediate section.

Since the close of the war we have felt anxious to see national difficulties settled as speedily as possible, and therefore have been ready to accept the terms offered by the conquerors, believing that the longer a settlement was delayed the worse it would be for the Southern people.

We never claimed to have been a "Union man" during the war, but on the contrary have not hesitated, on all proper occasions, to declare that our sympathies were with the Confederate cause.

For the purpose of purchasing some new type and materials for our Office, we expect to be absent for the next two or three weeks. Mr. Thos. Ledwell, the foreman, will attend to the business affairs of the Office during our absence.

REGISTRATION IN MECKLENBURG.—On Monday and Tuesday last the registrars again opened books at this place and registered 177 whites and 142 blacks.

YORK DISTRICT.—Whites registered 1,725, blacks 1,911.

The King's Mountain Railroad, running from Yorkville to Chester, has been completed, and trains now run regularly.

THE OLD GRAVE YARD.—The key to the old Grave Yard is kept at Dr. Scarr's Drug Store, and those who want to walk through the grounds can get it at any time.

We direct attention to the advertisement of Due West Female College. The President, Rev. J. L. Bonner, has the reputation of being an excellent man in every respect, and no doubt young ladies entrusted to his care will be properly instructed and cared for.

We also call attention to the advertisement of Wofford College, at Sparta, N. C. The Institution is under the control of that able divine, Rev. Dr. A. M. Shipp, as an instructor of young men, he is no superior.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Tax Notice.—R. M. White, Sheriff. Dwelling House for Sale.—C. W. Wilson, J. Rudisill. Clover Seed.—Hammond & McLaughlin. Sewing Machine.—J. A. Stuart. Blue Stone, Congress Water, &c.—F. Scarr, Druggist. T. W. Sparrow with B. Koopman.

CITY IMPROVEMENTS.—As an indication of the business capacity and future prospects of Charlotte, we will merely mention the business houses that have been erected within the past few months, or are now in process of construction.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.—Another Proclamation from President Johnson was issued last week. It warns all persons against obstructing and hindering the Constitution and laws of the United States.

A SUGGESTION.—We have had inquiries as to where good farming or mining lands could be bought in this section at moderate rates.

WESTERN NORTH CAROLINA.—On our first page will be found an interesting communication from Dr. Scroggs, in regard to the soil, climate, productions and resources of Western North Carolina.

TREATMENT OF PRISONERS.—We publish an intelligent letter from our fellow citizen Dr. J. H. Gibbon (the father of Maj. Gen. Gibbon of the U. S. Army.) addressed to the Hon. J. P. C. Shanks, chairman of the committee appointed by the last Congress to examine into the treatment of Federal prisoners by the South.

IMPORTANT NOTICE.—The Public Treasurer of this State, Mr. Battle, publishes the following notice to Sheriffs and Tax Collectors:

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, TREASURY DEPT. To the Sheriffs and Tax Collectors of N. C.

In consequence of information just received, I deem it my duty to inform you that you are bound by law to pay the State Taxes now due, into the Public Treasury prior to the 1st day of October next.

The next Superior court of Wake will begin on the 30th of September. With every disposition to grant indulgence to Sheriffs and the people, I think it best to notify you, that the law gives me no discretion, and that unless payments be made on or before the 4th of October next, being Friday of the Superior court of Wake, judgment will assuredly be moved for against all delinquents.

This is the smallest State tax levied since 1843. Tax-payers should attend to their duty at once and cheerfully. They will expect relief in vain. The district commissioner has been urged to stop the collection, but has declined to interfere.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 4.—The Committee investigating malfeasance in Cotton and other abandoned property, report many of the largest operators as dead, while others lost their gains by subsequent operations.

CHARLOTTE POST OFFICE. The Northern Mail will be delivered at 11 A. M., and closed at 4 P. M.

BIBLE SOCIETY. A meeting of the Executive Committee of the Mecklenburg Bible Society will be held in the old Charlotte Bank on Monday the 16th inst., at 11 o'clock a. m.

CHARLOTTE POST OFFICE. The Southern Mail delivered at 6 P. M., and closed at 9:30 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. Wilm. & Weldon Railroad.—S. L. Fremont, Sup't. Court Order for Union County.—J. E. Irby, Clerk. Family Flour.—W. Boyd.

REPUBLICAN STATE CONVENTION. From the Raleigh papers we gather the following information concerning the action of the Republican Convention which assembled in Raleigh on Wednesday last, the 4th inst:

The Convention met at Tucker Hall at 11 o'clock, and was called to order by W. W. Holden, Chairman of State Executive Committee.

On calling the roll, 65 or 70 counties were found to be represented by about 350 delegates—a large number being negroes. From this section of the State the following were delegates: Cabarrus—W. M. Coleman, John McDonald, Caldwell—John A. Dula, Catawba—Jasper Wilson, Cleveland—Dan'l Fox, Gaston—D. A. Jenkins, Iredell—Rev W J Williams, J C Chambers, A Lawrence, W L Miller.

A committee was appointed to nominate permanent officers, who reported the following: President—Gen Joseph C Abbott. Vice Presidents—Gen Alfred Dockery, Hon R P Dick, Jas H Harris, R M Tucker, G R Thomas, Rev J B Williams, W R Myers, Rev G W Brodie.

A motion to select a committee of sixteen (two from each Congressional district and two from the State at large) to draft a platform was carried.

Hon. John Pool, Chairman of the Committee on Resolutions and Platform, made the following report:

"The Committee on Platform and Resolutions have been in session all the morning and afternoon, and after a full and thorough conference, have agreed upon the following report which they have authorized me to read to this Convention. In the first place I will read the Platform:

PLATFORM. We, the delegates, representing the loyal people of North Carolina assembled in Convention, in the city of Raleigh, on the 6th day of September, 1867, for the purpose of perfecting and strengthening the organization of the Republican party in this State, and in order to aid in the great work of restoring, preserving and perpetuating the Union, do resolve,

RESOLUTIONS. 1. Resolved, That confiscation of private property for political offences is repugnant to the Republican liberty and ought not to be resorted to, except as an inexorable necessity to save the life of the nation, after all other means have been tried in vain, and the Republican party in North Carolina does not consider that the present condition of public affairs requires the necessity of the confiscation of private property, and hopes that no such necessity will arise.

2. Resolved, That in order to guarantee effectually the principles of universal liberty and civil and political equality, every male citizen of the age of twenty-one ought to be allowed to vote in all popular elections, and be freely admitted to the ballot box, nor constrained by complexity, threats or violence, and such is the requirements of the proposed constitutional amendment so far as it relates to the question of suffrage.

3. Resolved, That while the Republican party in North Carolina faithfully and energetically sustains the policy of Congress, on the subject of reconstruction, and will spare no effort to secure under it the restoration of the State to the Union, it is nevertheless constrained to call the attention of Congress to the continuance of the disfranchisement and disabilities now imposed upon those true and loyal citizens, while so many of the devotees of treason and schemes against the peace and integrity of the Republic are invested with full powers and franchises of citizenship, who are using it to effectually to prostrate the efforts of those who are laboring, thus trammeling, to perpetuate the Union, to place the national peace and safety on a sure foundation, and to render true the just and correct principles of union, liberty and equality.

4. Resolved, That the President of this Convention immediately upon its adjournment, and with the advice and concurrence of the Republican Executive Committee of the State, shall appoint a committee of loyal and well-informed citizens, to consist of not less than one from each Congressional District, to urge upon Congress to remove within just and safe limits the disabilities complained of in the above resolution, in time, if possible, to untrammel the efforts of true and loyal men in the approaching election, or as soon as it can be judiciously done, and that authority is hereby given to said committee to speak for the Republican party of North Carolina as to the limits and conditions within which the removal of such disabilities can be safely and justly applied in this State.

Mr Pool further said: That the present is the result of the labors of the Committee after the most anxious consultation, some difference of opinion and afterwards modifications, and final abridgement.

Mr Peck of New Hanover, moved that the platform be first considered, and then the resolutions separately, which motion was carried.

Mr Menninger wished to amend the platform, by striking out the word "restore," on the ground that the Union has never been dissolved, so that the clause containing that word would read "In order to aid in the great work of preserving and perpetuating the Union, &c."

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The first resolution was then laid before the Convention for consideration. A motion to lay on the table the first resolution, protesting against the confiscation of private property for participation in the rebellion, was lost by a vote of 53 nays 47 yeas.

The Hon. David Heaton offered the following substitute for the first resolution: Resolved, That the Republican party of North Carolina, on the subject of confiscation and all other matters appertaining to Reconstruction, will faithfully adhere to, and abide by, the Reconstruction plan and measures of Congress.

The above resolution was adopted in place of the four resolutions reported by Mr Pool and the committee. Dr. Powell now stated that he had been delegated to present to the meeting the report of the Committee on a plan for the better organization of the Republican party of North Carolina, which was adopted as follows:

ARTICLE I. 1. An Executive Committee to consist of 21 members, three from each Congressional district, shall be appointed by the President of the Convention. Said Committee shall have the general supervision of the affairs of the Republican party of this State; it shall also have the authority to fix the time for the annual meeting of the State Convention, and to call said State Convention together at such other times as the good of the party may require.

ARTICLE II. 1. No member of the Republican party shall become a candidate for any office, until he has been regularly nominated by the proper authority, and all Republicans are required to support nominations when so made.

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DIED. In Cabarrus county, on the 29th ult., Mrs Mary Teetler, wife of Joshua Teetler, aged 54 years.

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Smith's Boot and Shoe Store, CHARLOTTE, N. C., NEXT DOOR TO DEWEY'S BANK.

At New York Wholesale Prices. One of the firm has visited the Factories North, and had a large stock of Goods made to order, with a view of supplying Merchants in Western North Carolina and Upper Districts in South Carolina.

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Latest News. AMNESTY PROCLAMATION. WASHINGTON, Sept. 7.—In the forthcoming Pardon Proclamation of President Johnson four classes are exempted, as follows:

CALIFORNIA ELECTION.—San Francisco advises the election of the entire Democratic State ticket by about 9,000 majority.

MARKETS. NEW YORK, Sept. 7.—Cotton quiet at 26 1/4 cents. Gold \$114.21. LIVERPOOL, Sept. 7.—Cotton unchanged. Sales 10,000 bales.

THE NEW COMMANDER.—Charleston, Sept. 5.—At noon, to-day, Gen. Canby appeared at District Headquarters, and formally relieved Gen. Sickles.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.—On Tuesday last, Mr. B. M. Sain, residing on Laurel Road, 10 miles North West of Lincolnton, on his way home with his wagon and team, from Charlotte, was robbed in the neighborhood of the Beale settlement, by a negro boy named John Davis, who had engaged to work for Mr Sain.

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Clover Seed. A first rate quality for sale by HAMMOND & McLAUGHLIN, September 9, 1867.

English Blue Stone. A fresh supply of this fine article for sale low at SCARR'S DRUG STORE.

Congress and Kissing Water, SCARR'S DRUG STORE. For sale at...

FARMER'S HOTEL. I have opened a BOARDING HOUSE in Springs corner building, over Mr Sinclair's Store. Board and lodging by the month or day furnished at reasonable rates.

Nails and Iron. Having accepted the Agency for the sale of the High Shoals IRON and NAILS, we are prepared to fill orders at short notice and on terms that cannot fail to prove satisfactory.

Lime! Lime!! Lime!!! We are Agents for the sale of Powell & Wilson's Catawba Lime. Orders will receive our prompt attention.

To the Farmers of Mecklenburg and Adjoining Counties. In calling your attention to our large and varied stock of FERTILIZERS intended for the Wheat to be sown this Fall, we refer you to our Circulars now in store for distribution.

A NEW LOT OF FALL CALICOES. Just received by Express at A. SINCLAIR'S, Sept. 9, 1867.

Stocking Yarn. Merchants and Farmers can purchase a lot of excellent STOCKING YARN, just received on consignment at Sept. 9, 1867.

Wilmington & Weldon Railroad Co. OFFICE CHIEF ENGINEER & GEN. SUP'T., Wilmington, N. C., Sept. 1, 1867.

REGULAR SCHEDULE. On and after this date, the following Schedule will be run by the Passenger trains over this Railroad:

DAY TRAINS. Will leave Wilmington every morning (except Sundays) at 6 o'clock, A. M., and Weldon every morning (except Sundays) at 10:40 A. M.

NIGHT EXPRESS TRAINS. Will leave Wilmington at 9:30 P. M., daily, and arrive at Wilmington at 3:20 A. M., and at Weldon at 6 A. M.

Passengers to and from the N. C. Railroad going to or from the North make close connections at Goldsboro with Day Trains.

It is appearing to the satisfaction of the court, that the defendant has removed beyond the limits of this State, or so concealed himself that notice cannot otherwise be served upon him.

CHARLOTTE MARKET, Sept. 9, 1867. CORRECTED BY STENHOUSE, MACAULAY & CO.

Cotton.—The market continues dull with a declining tendency. Sales for the week 115 bales at 16 and 19 cents, extremes—purchaser paying tag.

Wofford College, SPARTANBURG C. H., S. C. The First Session of the Fourteenth Collegiate year begins on Tuesday, 1st October next.

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