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State Conventions.

The State Convention for North Carolina has been ordered by General Canby to meet in Raleigh on the 14th inst.

General Canby has also ordered the Convention of South Carolina to assemble in Charleston on the 14th inst., for the purpose of framing a State Constitution.

IMPORTANT ORDER.—The one man law-giver speaks again. We publish in another column an important order from General Canby. It will be seen that the order modifies in many particulars the celebrated order No. 10 of General Sickles, making new and important changes in the fundamental laws of the State.

HEAVY SNOW STORM.—On Monday and Tuesday last, snow, sleet and rain, fell alternately for about 48 hours, and the whole was frozen into a solid mass on the ground as fast as it fell.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF CHARLOTTE, N. C.—This Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of five per cent. See advertisement.

The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of this Bank will be held on the 14th inst. We publish in another column a list of the stockholders, and as the stockholders are individually responsible, we point to the list as evidence that the Bank is one of the best in the country.

A meeting of the Republican party of Raleigh, week before last, nominated Judge Chase for President. Joseph W. Holden, Esq., made a speech and expressed a preference for Chase.

While on the subject of Presidential nominations, it may be interesting to see what a Washington correspondent of the N. Y. Express says about the matter, as follows:

General Grant's letter to the President endorsing the corrupt and despicable Stanton, has materially damaged, if not totally destroyed, his prospect for the nomination. Mr. Speaker Cuffey declared to a Democratic friend, that Grant would not secure the nomination.

REMOVAL OF DISTRICT COMMANDERS.—The President has removed Gen. Ord, the commander of the Fourth District (Mississippi, &c.) and appointed Gen. McDowell in his place.

It will be gratifying to farmers and others to see that the price of Cotton has an upward tendency in the New York and Liverpool markets.

We direct attention to the advertisement of the Military and Polytechnic Academy at Hillsboro, N. C. Gen. Culbert, the Superintendent, deservedly enjoys a high reputation as an instructor of young men.

Confederate Officers. We see in a Virginia paper a long list of Confederate officers headed "Present whereabouts and Occupations of Men prominent in the Confederate Service."

Those who prepare such lists must be very ignorant indeed if they do not know the "whereabouts and occupation" of many North Carolina officers. Here in Charlotte we have living three General officers who did as much as any others for the cause of the South.

ARRIVAL OF THE CARLS.—A runaway couple were spliced on the cars near Weldon, N. C., on Friday last. It appeared that as soon as the cars reached up the Justice (who was to make the twin one flesh, and who had been telegraphed to jump on board, and before the train stopped had commenced to tie the knot.

New Advertisements. Source's Statement of the First National Bank of Charlotte, and list of Stockholders.

Removal of the Drug Store of Kilgore & Cureton. Notice to Debtors—R. M. Oates & Co. North State Washing Machine—Barnhardt & Houston. Notice to Debtors—Presson & Gray.

Immigration.

IMPORTANT MOVEMENT.—A call is published in the Richmond papers, signed by the leading professional and business men of that city, for a public meeting to adopt measures to encourage immigration from abroad.

We agree with the Journal that this is a matter in which our people ought to take an interest. More than a year ago a public meeting of the citizens of this county was held and the subject considered.

We would suggest that landholders meet together and establish a scale of prices for land, and let the facts be known to the public. Lay off farms of 50 and 100 acres and offer them for sale on fair terms.

GEN. GRANT.—The commander of the U. S. Armies is not a man of much ability, but his name is kept before the people and in that way he has made a great name on paper.

The President successfully plays the game of political chess. The President removes every man who favors reconstruction under any other plan than his own.

Michael Shroat was murdered 8 miles South of Asheville by Daniel L. Pressly. The murdered man's son, P. J. Shroat, offers a reward of \$100 for the arrest of Pressly.

U. S. District Attorney Morton shot U. S. District Judge Busted, in Mobile, on the 28th ult.

The New York Herald publishes an estimate, compiled from statistics collected by the Governors of the Southern States, which places the number of whites and blacks in Mississippi, Louisiana, Alabama, Georgia and the Carolinas, who are in a starving condition, at three million persons.

REV. E. J. MEYNAIRD.—The announcement that this distinguished divine, who, though young in years, is old in the service of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, would, by the appointment of the last Conference, be transferred from the pastoral charge of Trinity Church, in this city, to Charlotte, N. C., was received at the time with unfeigned regret.

These gifts, but feebly expressive of the esteem in which the Reverend gentleman is held, were presented by Mr. W. H. Smith, in behalf of the Church, in a very feeling address, to which Mr. Meynaird responded in his usually eloquent style.

AN ADJOURNMENT was then made in order to partake of the delicate refreshments which the consideration of the history of the Church had prepared, and after a festive reunion the conference, with respectful expressions of the deep regret with which they consented to Mr. Meynaird's departure for Charlotte, under the appointment of the Conference.

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NO GOOD MAN OUGHT TO countenance such a proceeding. The parents of the girl were more deeply interested in her welfare than any others on earth.

EMIGRATION STATISTICS.—The number of alien emigrants who landed at New York from the 1st of January until the 25th of December, 1866, was 227,443; for the same period of 1867, 358 days, 239,065, being an average of 640 per day, and showing a gross increase in emigration in 1867 of 11,622.

Raleigh Correspondence of the Democrat.

RALEIGH, Jan. 3, 1868.

MR. EDITOR.—There is no news of any importance to write you from the Capital.

A negro man was murdered here two weeks ago by a U. S. soldier. The affray was caused by a woman. Another negro was found dead, with his throat cut, at what is known as "Ram Cat."

The petition of Republicans to Gen. Canby for the removal of the Mayor and Commissioners of this city, so far, has not been heard from.

The Freedman's Bureau will be continued here under the command of Gen. N. A. Miles. The General's letter to Gen. Howard, urging the continuance of the Bureau, has been published.

Business is very dull. The universal cry is money, money. The fatal mistake made by the great mass of the farmers in planting nearly all their land in cotton, and but little in corn, has made many men bankrupts.

Corn is very scarce and selling for one dollar and fifty cents per bushel now.

Scarcity of Women. For a month past every steamer from the East has brought unusually large numbers of women.

ARREST OF MURDERERS AND ROBBERS.—We learn from a private letter received here that a great haul of murderers and robbers has been made in the counties of Pitt and Lenoir.

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From the Yorkville Enquirer.

Fatal Affray.

On Tuesday evening, the 24th ultimo, our town was saddened by an affair of the most painful character we have ever been compelled to chronicle as occurred in our midst.

The company in the Hall soon afterwards dispersed, and as Jones returned by the Hall, after conducting a lady home, he was called to account by Thomas A. Smith and William Snider—two young men well esteemed in the community.

SHORTLY after the painful occurrence, Jones placed himself in the custody of the Sheriff, to await a judicial inquiry into the affair.

AN APPLICATION for bail, for Jones, was made by his counsel, on Monday last, before Judge Beatty, of the District Court, and the defendant released upon a bond, with sureties in the sum of two thousand dollars.

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MARKETS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 3.—Cotton active and advanced.

LIVERPOOL, Jan. 3.—Cotton active and firmer. Prices advanced 1/4. Uplands 7 1/2; Orleans 7 1/2.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 3.—General Meade left here this morning for Atlanta, Georgia, to assume command of the Third Military District.

NEW GOVERNOR FOR LOUISIANA.—Gov. Plauders having resigned, Gen. Hancock has appointed Mr. Joshua Baker to the vacancy occasioned thereby.

A GENEROUS GIFT.—We learn from the Rev. E. P. Walton, agent of Washington College, of which General Lee is President, that the Rev. Henry Ward Beecher has contributed \$1,000 toward a Southern education fund in connection with that institution.

Dr. Helme, a young physician in Memphis, Tennessee, was arrested last Wednesday, on the charge of burglary.

MARRIED. In this county, on the 2d inst., by the Rev. F. B. Andrews, Mr. Joseph P. Hawkins to Miss Bettie E. Simpson, youngest daughter of Capt. Jno. Simpson.

In this county, on the 2d inst., by J. T. Downs, Esq., Mr. Jacob McCarter of Wilkes county, to Miss N. J. Thornburg of Mecklenburg.

In Gaston county, on the 10th ult., by the Rev. J. P. Peterson, Mr. Rufus A. Sumner to Miss Mary E. Friday.

In Raleigh, at Christ Church, on the 30th ult., by the Rev. R. S. Mason, D. D., Mr. S. G. Ryan to Miss Mary S., daughter of the officiating Clergyman.

DIED. In this county, on the 2d inst., Mr. John D. Frazier, aged about 47 years.

QUARTERLY STATEMENT. Of the First National Bank of Charlotte, Dec. 31st, 1867.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities. Assets include Notes and Bills Discounted, Due from Banks and Bankers, Bank Building account, Premium Account, Expense, Tax and Salaries, United States Bonds, Other Securities, Cash and cash items. Liabilities include Capital Stock, Surplus Fund, Circulation, Deposits, Dividends unpaid, Due to Banks, Profit and Loss.

THE FOLLOWING is a list of Stockholders in the First National Bank of Charlotte:

- Allison, R. W.
Barringer, Rufus
Brevard, Robert A.
Brown, John L.
Brem, Thomas H.
Brem, W. F.
Brem, W. M.
DeWitt, Mrs M. C.
DeWitt, Thos W. & Co.
Edwards, E. C.
Elias & Cohen.
Frazier, Class A.
Gibson, B. S.
Gibson, Dr. Robert
Grady, Barnister & Co.
Graham, Wm A. Jr.
Ginble, Adam
Johnston, R. M. Trustee.
Johnston, Rufus M.
Johnston, William
Lineberger, L. & Co.
Lacy, Drury, Jr.
McDonald, John
McDonald, Robert E.
McDonald, Edmond
McDonald, J. A.
Myers, Wm R.

NEW CROP CARDENAS MOLASSES. DIRECT IMPORTATION. 200 Hogheads and 150 Barrels choice new crop Cardenas Molasses to arrive per Brig John Balch, from Cardenas direct, for sale by

NORTH CAROLINA Military & Polytechnic Academy. The 9th annual session opens February 5th, 1868.

FOR SALE. I will sell at the Public Square, on Tuesday next, the 14th inst. (Court week), an 3 months credit, a fine young MARE, in good order and well disposed—

CHARLOTTE MARKET, JANUARY 6, 1868. CORRECTED BY STEPHEN S. MACADAY & CO.

COTTON.—But little Cotton was offered in our market last week, middling grades selling at 10 1/2 to 10 3/4 cents, tax paid by purchaser—tendency upwards.

First National Bank of Charlotte.

CHARLOTTE, N. C., 31st Dec, 1867.

The Board of Directors for this day declared a semi-annual dividend of Five Dollars per share (free of tax) on the capital stock, payable to Stockholders on or after the 1st January, 1868.

STOCKHOLDER'S MEETING. The Annual Meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Charlotte, will be held at their Banking House on Tuesday, 14th January, 1868.

THE DRUG STORE OF Kilgore & Cureton Has been removed to the Store in Granite Row, next to the Express Office.

TAKE NOTICE. All those indebted to PRESSON & GRAY are respectfully requested to come forward without delay and pay up.

ALEXANDRIANA ACADEMY. Mecklenburg County, N. C. A. J. HARRISON, PRINCIPAL.

THE MOODY HOUSE. Near the Depot, has been re-opened by W. V. E. LMS.

Notice to Debtors. Our debtors are hereby notified that their indebtedness must soon end.

House for Rent. A two-story Dwelling House, South of the N. C. Railroad Depot, is offered for rent for the year 1868.

New Crop Cuba Molasses. 400 HDS. BRIGHT NEW CROP CLAYED Molasses, in prime new packages, daily expected per Schr. "Preston Hobbs" direct from Cardenas.

LISTER & BROTHER'S Fresh Bone Superphosphate of LIME, From the Passaic Carbon Works.

LENOIR HOTEL, J. J. WEISIGER, PROPRIETOR, Lenoir, N. C.

Administrators Sale. By permission of the Ordinary of York District, I will expose to Public Sale, on Thursday, 9th day of January inst., on the plantation known as the Mansey place, nine miles South-East of Rock Hill, S. C.

State of North Carolina, Mecklenburg county. Superior Court of Law—Special Term, Dec., 1867.

Blanks. Just printed, and for sale at the Democrat Office, Marriage Licenses (new form), Subpoenas, Executions, Administrator's Bonds, and all other Blanks used by Clerks and Sheriffs.