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Feeling at the North.

John Forsyth, the able Editor of the Mobile Register, writes from Washington city as follows:

"The readers of the Register know how I have been haunted for some time back with the apprehension that the spirit of the North was unequal to the duty of defending its liberties against the daring party that is openly assailing them.

"Of course there will be no physical resistance at the North. When the Southern people were conquered and subjugated, the Northern people were also subjugated. Before secession occurred, many of our so-called Northern friends declared that an army to invade the South would have to pass over their dead bodies before accomplishing the object, but when war actually commenced those very same persons were about the first to march against us, and they did us a great deal of harm under the lead of such former professed friends as Sickles, Butler, Cameron, &c. and the worst of it is, they are now more vindictive and revengeful than many who never professed friendship for us.

"Whatever is accomplished towards remedying the difficulties, and removing the annoyances and perplexities under which the South now labors, must be done by the ballot alone, and it must be done by fair argument and calm, deliberate and considerate action. There will be no more war between the people of the two sections, and neither will the Northern people spill their blood in our behalf, no matter what happens.

Registration at Charlotte.

The following is the result of the five days registration in this City, for the Eastern Division of Mecklenburg county:

Table with 2 columns: Whites (311), Blacks (301)

Congress.

While the impeachment trial is progressing it is not expected that much legislative business will be transacted by either House of Congress.

Last week, in the Senate, Mr Sumner offered a joint resolution to amend the Constitution so as to disqualify Presidents of the United States from holding office a second term.

Senator Johnson presented petitions from seven or eight thousand colored people of South Carolina, Georgia and Alabama, asking the Government to aid them in emigrating to Liberia; the reasons set forth in the petition being that they could not obtain employment, and could not hope to overcome the social inequality inseparable from their condition in the South.

Two sets of delegates are before Congress from Florida, each with a Constitution purporting to have been adopted by the people of that State. The Reconstruction Committee are now considering them. Thad. Stevens is not satisfied with either of the constitutions presented, and desires the committee to frame an entirely new one, and send it to Florida for ratification. He insists that Congress has fully as much right to make a constitution for a State, as to dictate to it what kind of one it shall have.

In the House, Mr Robinson, (democrat,) of New York, offered a resolution rescinding all the previous action in the impeachment case. It proposed to recall all papers and testimony. Of course the question was not entertained.

Cleveland Mineral Springs.

It will be seen by advertisement that the delightful Summer resort known as Cleveland Mineral Springs, near Shelby, N. C., is to be opened for the reception of visitors on the first of June. We can confidently say that those who may visit these Springs will be pleased, if anything reasonable in the way of pleasure and recreation can please them.

THAT ROBBERY.—Some weeks ago we stated that Wm. Maxwell, Esq., the Clerk of our County Court, was robbed of 7 or \$840 by some person entering his bed room. We are gratified to know that the persons engaged in the robbery were arrested last Thursday night, and some portion of the stolen property recovered. A young white man and a negro are the rogues, according to the evidence before the examining Court.

NOT ELIGIBLE.—Gen. Meade has issued an order declaring that Judge Irwin is not eligible as a candidate for Governor of the State of Georgia, and that Gen. Gordon, who has been nominated in his place by the Democrats, is eligible.

Gen. Meade has a summary mode of disposing of candidates, if the above is an indication of his conduct. But that's the way military rule settles questions in these divided States. Why don't Gen. Meade declare himself King of Georgia at once.

Notice.

We regret to hear complaints from many of our subscribers that they cannot get their papers regularly, because the Postmasters, or those who have charge at the places of delivery, allow persons to take them out and read them and carry them off. The Agent of the Post Office Department in this State (Dr. Jobe) recently published a notice to Postmasters on this subject, and warned them that they would be held responsible for such conduct, but it has done but little if any good. A man who takes another's paper without permission from the subscriber himself, is no better than a man who steals any other kind of property. If we can get the evidence to justify it, we will expose such persons and make them pay damages. We beg Postmasters in this country not to permit any one (who is not a subscriber) to take papers from the office unless he has written permission from the subscriber.

New Advertisements.

- Dry Goods—Brem, Brown & Co. Announcement for Sheriff—F W Ahrens. Dry Goods—Barringer, Wolfe & Co. Dry Goods—C. M. Query. Movable Teeth Saws—Brem, Brown & Co. Groceries—Boyd & Moody. Bankrupt Notice in regard to Elisha S. Barrett. Snuff—Nisbet & Maxwell. S. Grose & Co., wholesale and retail Grocers and General Commission Merchants. Cleveland Mineral Springs. Freight Notice—J. A. Sadler, Agent. Bond Lost—E. A. Osborne, Assignee. \$10 Reward—S. J. Brown, Deep Well, Irrell Co. A. W. Alexander, Surgeon Dentist. Semi-annual meeting of the Grand Division of Sons of Temperance of N. C.

The Impeachment Proceedings.

But little progress was made in the trial of President Johnson during the past week. Proceedings were resumed on Thursday last, when the counsel for the President commenced introducing testimony.

The Washington Express, speaking of the trial, says:

"It has been agreed by the counsel of the President that Judge Curtis shall open the case on his side. He does not intend to write it, but will speak from very brief notes. Gov. Boutwell will make the summing up on the side of the managers after the evidence is all in, and with Mr Bingham will close the case, the latter of course, by virtue of his position, making the closing speech of all. On the defence, Messrs. Evans and Stanbery will close. The counsel will call the members of the Cabinet and the counsel for the President an effort will be made to have the Senate so extend its rule as to allow more than two to speak in closing the case. Mr Logan is preparing a speech which he is anxious to deliver, and Mr Groesbeck, of counsel, also wishes to speak. The President has been a subject of the Cabinet to show that in many respects Mr Johnson has followed the policy of Mr Lincoln, and that they all advised him that the civil tenure law was unconstitutional, and therefore not binding upon him, and that they urged him to test the matter in the courts, and Col. L. D. Campbell is here, as is also Major General Sherman. The latter is to be questioned concerning conversations with Mr Johnson regarding testing the tenure-of-office law in the courts."

WASHINGTON, April 6.—Much chaffin exists among Radicals. The failure of Butler to make out a case against the President has been a subject of general congratulation everywhere outside of the friends of the Bump. Some blame Butler, others condemn the witnesses.

Candid observers and thinkers agree that the impeachment was a stupendous mistake. The Radicals insist that the President must be convicted. They say that their party cannot afford to fail. To fail would be irredeemable ruin.

WASHINGTON, April 7.—The President's levee last evening was largely attended. The President appeared remarkably cheerful, and did not look in the least impatiently-distracted.

After having recognized the most frivolous testimony as hearing upon impeachment, the Radicals are inclined to vote against the conviction of the President. Among other absurd stories promulgated by them for this purpose, is one to the effect that the Congress of California has been offered two hundred thousand dollars by the President's friends for his influence and vote against conviction. Other absurd stories, equally groundless, are receiving current circulation. President Johnson never had, and does not now entertain, fears of conviction, if a fair trial shall be accorded him.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—Judge Curtis, counsel for the President, commenced his speech, and was listened to throughout with marked attention, especially by the members of the Court. Some of his points were startling. He left it with the Senators whether they were acting in a Legislative or Judicial capacity. The subject of the office of the President, which eight charges were based, was that the removal of Stanton and the appointment of Thomas was intended to be a violation of the tenure of office act and the Constitution. He denied both propositions, and among other authorities, he quoted statements of members of the Congressional Committee.

He proceeded, showing that the heads of departments were the voice and hands of the President. He argued that the heads of departments did not, in fact, hold constitutional office under the tenure of office bill. He then proceeded to show that the removal of Stanton and the appointment of Thomas were intended to be a violation of the tenure of office act and the Constitution. He denied both propositions, and among other authorities, he quoted statements of members of the Congressional Committee.

He recaptured his arguments, to prove that the President could not be impeached for an act designed to procure a judicial decision, he quoted Butler to show that the Managers admitted this view, who said the removal, in itself, was perhaps not an impeachable offence, if made with that motive, and not accompanied with a defiant message to the Senate.

Northern Elections.

In Connecticut on Monday, the 6th inst., an election for Governor and Legislature was held. The Democrats re-elected their candidate for Governor by 1,500 majority, and the Republicans carried the Legislature, thus securing the election of a Republican to the U. S. Senate.

Michigan voted on the 7th, on the new State Constitution which permitted negro suffrage. The Constitution was rejected.

The cities of Sandusky and Cincinnati, Ohio; Keokuk, Iowa; Milwaukee, Wisconsin, and Evansville, Indiana, were carried by the Democrats at late Municipal elections—being gains.

The Governor of Virginia, Mr Pierpont, has been removed from office by Gen. Schofield, and Gen. H. H. Wells appointed in his place. We presume the object in appointing Gen. Wells was indicated in his speech before the Convention when he said:

"That for the short time that he should hold the office, he should endeavor to promote the prosperity of all the people of the State, and should try to promote harmony in the Republican party, as the only organization through which that prosperity could ever come."

Divorce in the North.

One of the saddest signs of the times, and one indicating the very destruction of the foundations of society, is the frequent and deliberate breaking of the marriage covenant, and the facility of obtaining divorces for insufficient causes. The wide desire for man to put asunder whom God has joined together, has caused a new line of advertising to spring up. Illustrative of this idea, we find in an exchange the following:

A number of enterprising gentlemen of New York, who are in the law, seemed to have turned their special attention toward simplifying this business so far as the marriage question is concerned. We constantly observe the publication of notices to the following effect:

"Absolute divorces obtained from the courts of several States without publicity or of full successful communications free and strictly confidential."
"Absolute divorces obtained in any State. Drunkenness, desertion, neglect to support, sufficient cause. No fees until divorce is obtained."
"Absolute divorces legally obtained in New York and other States where desertion, etc., is sufficient cause. No publicity or charge till divorce obtained."

Very many of these divorce suits are conducted in a manner so exceedingly confidential, that one of the parties most interested is not informed of the proceedings at all until attested by the presentation of the decree. We were cognizant of a case wherein an estimable lady, innocent of all wrong, and ignorant even of any dissatisfaction on the part of her husband, parted with him affectionately at the steamboat dock, as she started on a journey to see some friends. Some hours after, in the privacy of her state room, she found leisure to examine a paper her husband had handed her at the last moment, and discovered it to be a copy of a decree of divorce rendered by an Illinois Judge. Before the steamboat had been six hours gone, her late husband had married another woman. Numbers of these confidential divorces are obtained for unworthy purposes by the most rascally means.—Baltimore Method.

To a lady who is a graceful rider no feet is like that of a horseback rider. It is infinitely preferable to walking. There are health and vigor in every breath that is drawn when coursing upon the back of a well-trained horse.

The Ku-Klux Klan Humberg.

WASHINGTON, April 9.—General Grant has issued no orders regarding the Ku-Klux Klan.

The above is a telegraphic dispatch from Washington, and shows that the idle talk in Southern papers about the "Ku-Klux Klan" is attracting attention at the North, and will, no doubt, be made an excuse for accusing the Southern people of disloyalty and justify more oppressive measures.

We presume the whole affair is an attempt at fun, but we fear it will prove rather unfortunate to our people. Northern papers are already denouncing the supposed organization as dangerous to the Union, and calling on the Government to interfere. No matter who commits acts of violence, it is attributed to the work of the "Ku-Klux Klan," said to be composed of Southern men.

We cordially endorse the following remarks of the Norfolk Journal:

"We hope that our press will universally unite with us in discountenancing this absurd and mischievous nonsense—as, indeed, most of the papers in Virginia have done already—and that companies of lads with blue lights, horns and tails, will not be by our papers elevated into mythic Roman heroes. In our papers we think that we should mind our own business, and carefully eschew anything that may tend to involve us in trouble. If the people of other States do not think their condition bad enough, let them make it hopeless enough to suit themselves—it is merely a matter of taste with them. We hope, however, that Virginia will not follow their lead; for our condition is already just about as bad as we could wish it to be."

We respectfully suggest to our contemporaries in North Carolina the importance of heeding the above advice and caution of the Journal.

Conservative Meeting in Gaston.

A meeting of the Conservative citizens of Gaston county was held at Dallas, on the 7th inst., for the purpose of nominating candidates for County Officers. On motion of W. T. Shipp, Esq., Dr. Jas. Albernathy was called to the chair, and J. G. Lewis and Amzi Ford were appointed Secretaries.

Dr. Joseph Graham explained the object of the meeting in an eloquent and stirring speech. On motion, the chairman appointed a committee of five to prepare business for the meeting, consisting of the following gentlemen: Dr. Joseph Graham, W. R. Rankin, J. H. White, Dr. John Murphy and Maurice A. Moore, Esq., who retired and after being absent a short time returned and through the chairman, Dr. Joseph Graham, reported the following nomination:

For the Commons—J. B. Hartsfelder.
For Clerk of Superior Court—Amzi Ford.
For Register—M. S. Withers.
For Sheriff—J. F. White.
For Treasurer—John R. Oates.
For Coroner—A. R. Rutledge.
For Commissioners—Robert Holland, John H. Craig, Jas. W. Reid, Wiley Rudisill and Joe Farrow.

On motion, it was ordered that the proceedings of the meeting be printed in the Raleigh Sentinel, Charlotte Daily Times and the Western Democrat.

South Carolina.

CANDIDATES.—A Democratic State Convention, assembled at Columbia, nominated Hon. W. D. Porter for Governor, and Hon. T. C. Perrin for Lieutenant Governor.

THE CROPS.—We are pleased to learn that the growing wheat and oats crops are generally looking well. Corn has not yet progressed enough to allow of any statement as to its prospects, as but few farmers have got through with putting in their corn. From the quantity of land prepared for cotton, it is evident that the farmers of the lower part of the District are going to try for a heavy crop of the staple.—Yorkville Enquirer.

SUDDEN DEATH.—We are pained to learn that the body of Mr McAlley was found on the Railroad, about a mile above the Chester depot, on Tuesday morning. This unfortunate gentleman, it is thought, arrived on the cars the evening previous, having come from Florida to visit his relatives in this District, and suffering from some mental derangement and exhaustion, had mistaken the road and fallen dead by the road side. A coroner's inquest was held and it was ascertained that his death was not caused by violence.—Yorkville Enquirer.

Foreign News.

The Rome garrison is ordered home, and the evacuation will be complete in a few days.

A bill is before the Mexican Congress forbidding English merchants to export specie until England apologizes for recent smuggling.

A French conspiracy has been discovered. The attempts at pacification in Yucatan and Sinaloa are not very successful.

The Lisbon journals record the death in that city of a man named Jose Santeroco, at the age of one hundred and thirteen. He was born in 1755, the year of the great earthquake, which destroyed a large portion of the Portuguese capital.

DR. LIVINGSTON ALIVE.—London, April 8.—Letters were received to day from Dr Livingston, via Zanzibar. He was in good health and returns to England after a successful journey.

KILLED BY LIGHTNING.—On Friday morning, the 20th of March, James P. Townsend, of Robeson county, was struck and instantly killed by lightning. He was in the barn, when the lightning struck and decending a post that James was resting his hand upon, striking him upon the top of his head, breaking the skull and his neck, then descending by his right side tore off the toe of his shoe and passed through the barn floor. His dog that was near by, but outside of the barn, ran to the house and dropped down dead.—Wilmington Journal.

The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in the United States will meet in the Franklin Street Presbyterian Church, in the city of Baltimore, on the third Thursday (the 21st) of May 1868, at 11 o'clock A. M. The opening sermon will be preached by the Rev. T. V. Moore, D.D., the Moderator of the last Assembly.

One Result of Impeachment.

[From the New York Times, Republican.] The Tenure of Office law is likely to bring about results, in case the President is convicted and removed, that were not looked for by all who gave it their votes. That there will be a general sweep of office-holders throughout the country, upon the advent of Senator Wade to the Presidency, seems to be conceded; and as there is also a general concurrence of opinion that the public weal demands such a reform, the Republican majority in the Senate will find little difficulty in giving such changes their assent.

But in filing these offices by new appointments it is equally certain that Mr Wade will make his selections exclusively from the "Radical" wing of the party. General Grant when he comes into office, will thus find all the places under him filled in advance; and as the "Radicals" have the majority in the Republican party in the Senate, so as to render changes in this respect quite out of the question, his patronage and power will be reduced to the minimum. He will not be able to make even a single change when he becomes President, except at the pleasure of that wing of the Republican party which accepted him as a candidate only at the last moment, and when they found his nomination to be inevitable. So far as controlling the patronage of the Government is concerned, one year of office for Mr Wade will be quite as potential as four. It can all be disposed of within that time and put beyond the reach of Executive interference.

It is urged with a great deal of emphasis in certain quarters that the removal of the President is absolutely essential to the success of the Republican party in the coming election. Possibly it may be—though we do not see precisely how. But we do see very clearly that it will deprive General Grant, when elected, of all power to regulate the distribution of the patronage of the Executive department, and will vest the power substantially to control it for five years, in the officer who may be acting President during the year that remains of Mr Johnson's term.

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Corn.—Market dull at \$1.28 to \$1.30 per bushel from wagons.

Corn Meal \$1.30 to \$1.35; Peas \$1.25; Oats 70 to 75 cents.

Bacon (hog round) 17 to 17 1/2 cents—advancing. Baltimore Bacon is selling from stores at 18 to 19 cents; Lard 20 cents.

Fresh Butter 30 to 33 cents; Chickens 25 cents; Eggs 15 cents.

Corn Whiskey and Apple Brandy \$2.50 per gallon by the barrel.

Liverpool Salt \$2.50 to \$2.60 per sack.

Molasses 75 cents to \$1 by retail.

Latest News.

FROM WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, April 10.—Judge Curtis concluded his speech to-day for the President, who Gen. Thomas was called for the Defence. Thomas was stopped by the Prosecution, in describing his interview with the President, when the orders of removal and appointment were handed him. The objection was elaborately argued by Stanbery and Evans, for the Defence, and Butler and Bingham for the Prosecution. The Chief Justice submitted the question, and the Managers were defeated—12 to 10. The days were Cameron, Chandler, Conness, Craig, Drake, Harlan, Howard, Nye, Ramsey, and Thayer. Sumner broke ranks for the first time on this question.

The ruling of the Senate in regard to Thomas' testimony, will let in the evidence of Gen. Sherman and the Cabinet officers in favor of the President.

NEW YORK MARKET, April 10th. Cotton more steady. Sales of 3,800 bales at 23 1/2 to 30. Gold on street 128 1/2.

A Masonic Lodge, composed of colored men, has been organized at Raleigh, under a dispensation granted by the Grand Lodge of North Carolina. There are similar Lodges at Newbern and Wilmington.

The Grand Lodge of North Carolina, in granting these dispensations, violates Masonic law, custom and solemn obligations.

The Fatal Mince Pie.

Some of our friends who have been boring us with persistent requests to publish "tales and funny stories," can gratify their desire for literature by a perusal of the following "thrilling romance," which we have procured for our columns at great trouble and at "heavy expense":

CHAPTER I. She threw herself upon his breast and wept.

CHAPTER II. As she ceased weeping, he groaned audibly. There they sat entwined in each other's arms for about two hours, and many one of 'em spoke.

CHAPTER III. A voice fractured the solemn stillness of the air. "Harriet, my own love, if I had a mince pie to eat." Then she lifted up her tear-dimmed eyes to the stary heavens, clasped her hands wildly and exclaimed: "Come with me to the kitchen, love, and thou shalt eat thy fill; for there are three of them left for dinner." They clasped each other by the hand and rushed to the pantry.

CHAPTER IV. Two mince pies had disappeared, and the third was about to share the same fate, when a steady step was heard. "Fly my angel, my beauty, 'tis a thaurine Arabella, I know." And she fell fainting at his feet.

CHAPTER V. The old woman stood face to face with Eugene, she asked what he had been doing to the girl, and he said he hadn't done nothing." She grabbed the remaining pie, and with the ferocity of a tigress chucked it at him.

CHAPTER VI. Her aim had been too true. She hit him in the pit of the stomach and he fell at her feet a corpse. They buried them both in one grave, and every spring the village maidens plant onions over the place where lie the lovers, at last united.

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Hosiery.

In all styles and varieties, Parasol, Fancy Scented Fans. Come see for yourselves. B. W. & CO.

10,000 Ladies and Gentlemen Wanted.

To come and buy our stock of Fancy Dress Goods, Hosiery, Gloves, Yankee Notions, &c. B. W. & CO.

Ready-Made Clothing.

And a large stock of hats, Umbrellas, Gentlemen's Cloths and Cassimeres. Also, Vogler's Suits made for sale. B. W. & CO.

Hardware.

Everything almost in the Hardware line: Chisels, Augers, Hammers, Door Locks, Hinges, Axes, Hoes, Iron and Blacksmith Tools. B. W. & CO.

Notice.

We thank our friends for just favors and hope they will continue them. We beg those indebted to come forward and pay up at once, as we need money. April 13, 1868. BARRINGER, WOLFE & CO.

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BOYD & MOODY.