

to relieve the public mind of the loss of quality as to perform their public duties with becoming respect for the genius of the Government of which they are honored instruments. It will afford us pleasure to publish any statement from a source capable of setting forth the facts on the subject in hand.

Hon. Wm. A. GRAHAM, Senator elect, to the Senate of the Confederate States, has resigned his seat in the Legislature of this State, as Senator from Orange County. No successor has yet been appointed, but we hope some one will be selected who will fill the distinguished place with honor to himself and profit to the people at large. Mr. GRAHAM will be an ornament to the Confederate States Senate, and we do not hesitate to express it, as our opinion, that he will rank far above any other man in that body for ability, and usual Legislative experience. To such men the Country have a right to look with confidence for some reform in our policy if it is possible to be brought about. Would that there were many more such in the Senate. His place in the Senate of the State will not be easily filled.

"SPIRIT OF THE PRESS."

We give under this general head several able articles extracted from our exchanges, which will be found interesting, as they bear on the action of Congress in relation to several measures of great public importance. We have copied dissimilar views so that the reader may compare the arguments for and against the subjects discussed, and in that way arrive at a just conclusion as to what should be the conduct of the citizen, so far as his individual action may concern the public welfare. We are passing through the most turbid and disturbed times ever experienced by the people of this generation. Country, worldly happiness, liberty and life itself, are all dependent on the action of the people with reference to passing events. The difficulty of ascertaining what course to pursue, and of finding ways and means to accomplish ends believed to be most important, should excite every mind and heart to study more anxiously and seriously the circumstances by which we are surrounded, and upon the shaping of which the individual influence and action of each is to be exerted.

The Salisbury Watchman thinks we are a Job's comforter. We can say to that concern that we have the independence to tell the truth, even though it be unpleasant to its partisans. We make no hypocritical professions of being better than other men are, but we have never been indoctrinated in that school that makes falsehood a virtue and truth a vice. The honest masses have been betrayed and named by sleek faced hypocrites and they need expect no mercy at our hands. Ed. Progress.

The habitual fault-finder and complainer is proverbially a self-deceiver or hypocrite; and it is a rule that he condemns himself in the thing whereof he denounces others, for he himself doeth the same things. The man who regards all others except those of his own fold thieves and robbers, is the very man to employ vile and base means to circumvent those so adjudged. Now if these things be true, and we think you must admit they are, if you were not indoctrinated into the school to which you allude, may it not have been that its principles came to you like a duck taking to water? In this light, there is another pertinent question, and that is, so far from considering yourself better than other people, ought you to consider yourself as good?

The Legislature of Mississippi has passed a law requiring all conductors of railroads to keep water and lights in every car, and fire when demanded, under a penalty for every failure of \$500, to be collected from the company employing such conductors, one-fourth

to go to the State, and three-fourths to the State. Such a law in Georgia would add much to the comfort of soldiers and others travelling on the cars.

The Legislature of N. Carolina has passed such a law, and it will now be the fault of the traveling public if it is not enforced. Having recently passed over the roads from here to Richmond, we had an opportunity to experience the discomfort arising from the neglect of conductors to look after these matters. A little attention should also be bestowed on the train servants on the N. C. Road, who were seen sleeping through the cars smoking their pipes with as much self-importance as some of the insolent conductors themselves. The Raleigh and Gaston train seemed to be well officered and managed with careful reference to the comfort of travelers, a fact which its officers deserve should be acknowledged.

Wilmington.—An impression prevails at Richmond that Wilmington, N. C., will soon be attacked by the enemy. It is sustained by numerous indications of more or less importance, not the least of which is the concentration near that place of largely increased naval forces. Wilmington is now the only port through which we are able to communicate with the outside world, and obtain any supplies from abroad, and hence its importance to the whole Confederacy naturally excites the concern of the Government to protect it.

CONGRESSIONAL

In the Confederate States Congress on the 5th instant the Military Committee reported an act to increase the efficiency of the army by the employment of free negroes and slaves in certain capacities, which provides that all male free negroes between eighteen and fifty shall be held liable to perform duties in connection with the military defense of the country, such as work on the fortifications, Government works for the production and preparation of materials of war, or in the military hospitals, as the Secretary of War may from time to time prescribe, and while performing such duties they shall receive rations, clothing and eleven dollars per month. The act authorizes the Secretary also to employ as many male slaves as the wants of the service require, furnishing rations, clothing and paying the owners eleven dollars per month. Their loss by act of the enemy, or escape to the enemy, or disease incurred in discharge of service required, the owner shall be entitled to receive their full value.

The Secretary of War is authorized to impress as many slaves as required from time to time, where needed. Placed on calendar and ordered to be printed.

The bill to place in the service citizens of any of the States or Territories of the United States was taken up and a motion made to refer back to Committee, with instructions to report various amendments. The bill was discussed till the hour for the special order arrived, when the House went into secret session on the tax and currency bills.

Great anxiety is manifested to know the provisions of the bills, but the House seems disposed to consider the measures entirely in secret session.

The Senate passed a bill declaring the intent and meaning of the 11th section of the titling act to be that farmers shall not be required to pay a tenth of their straw of wheat, rye, oats, barley, shocks or cornstalks. The Senate went into secret session at an early hour.

Capture of Four Hundred Yankees, &c.

ABINGDON, January 7. Gen. Wm. E. Jones captured, on Sunday last, near Jonesville, Lee County, Va., a few over four hundred of the Yankee force that has been infesting that country. He captured three pieces of artillery and all their wagons, horses and mules. His loss was five killed and twelve wounded.

From Northern Virginia.

ORANGE C. H., January 7. The fourth Virginia cavalry surprised the pickets of the enemy near Bloraulo, Culpeper county, on Tuesday night, capturing three of them.

Large numbers of the three-year men of the Yankee army are re-enlisting for the war, receiving large bounties and thirty days furlough. The enemy will preserve their old organizations intact.

The weather is bitter cold, the thermometer being eight degrees above zero.

From Richmond.

Richmond, January 7. The rumors of changes in the War Department are without foundation.

Several persons have been arrested for rendering false returns of sales to the Confederate assessors—others have fled to avoid prosecution. Efficient steps have been taken to detect similar frauds and bring the guilty parties to justice.

The train from Danville, with Gen. Morgan is expected to night about 10 o'clock. A public reception will take place to-morrow morning at the City Hall.

From the Rapid Mail.

Major Mosby, with a portion of his battalion, came up with a scouting party of the enemy, consisting of some seventy-five men, from the First Maryland battalion, under Captain Hunter, near Rectortown, Fauquier county, on New Year's day. A sharp fight ensued, in which the enemy lost five killed and nine wounded, whilst Mosby's loss was two killed and three wounded. Mosby captured three non-commissioned officers and thirty-seven privates, with their arms, equipments and horses. The rest of the party escaped. The prisoners are en route to Richmond.

FOR INTENDANT.

ANDREW MURPHY, For Intendant. JAMES H. ENNIS, For Commissioner. East Ward—John A. Snider, Dr. C. A. Henderson. South Ward—Simon Frankford, Maj. Jas. C. Smythe. West Ward—Lake Blackmer, A. J. Mock. MANY CITIZENS. For Intendant, JAMES H. ENNIS. For Commissioner, West Ward—J. J. Bruner, J. M. Coffin. North Ward—Jas. E. Kerr, M. A. Smith. East Ward—John A. Snider, B. F. Fraley. South Ward—Jas. C. Shryff, D. A. Davis.

THE WAR NEWS.

Not a single telegram of note from any military quarter was received yesterday at the War Department. Private reports from Longstreet are unfavorable. We are assured that the announcement of Secretary Seddon's resignation is not only premature, but that he has signified no intention whatever of vacating his present position.—Rich. Examiner.

A RAID.

Among the achievements of General Rosser, we learn with gratification that one of the results on Monday was two hundred prisoners, two hundred and twenty five loads of merchandise, including several loads of leather, worth at least two thousand dollars. The raid, at least, has yielded a financial result.—Rich. Examiner.

CONGRESS.

The most important of the public proceedings of the Senate, yesterday, was a new demagogical inspiration from Mr. Phelps, of Mississippi, namely, a proposition to suspend the writ of habeas corpus, so as to cut off parties who have furnished substitutes from their constitutional recourse to the courts. The proposition was the occasion of much excitement, yesterday, among parties interested, who argued, that although the Yankee Government had suspended the writ of habeas corpus it had only been for the arrest of disloyal persons, and that it had never gone so far as the Senator from Mississippi, who proposed to cut off redress in the courts on the questions of contract obligation.

There is an evident tendency in Congress to carry out a certain programme of executive consolidation and usurpation, through the agency of such men as the Senator from Mississippi, who rates as one of the most superficial demagogues in Congress. In connection with this general subject, the public will read with interest and admiration the remarks made by Mr. Foote, yesterday, in the House.

At 12 o'clock the House went into secret session to debate the currency. We learn that the most striking and decisive proposition on this subject is to take cotton and tobacco, and put out a new currency on pledges of these staples, leaving the old currency to die a natural death, after the fashion of the French assignats, and the old Continental issues. It is said that such a measure is receiving considerable countenance in Congress; that it is thought to afford the shortest way out of our financial difficulties; and that the opinion is, that a new currency would absorb the old issues much more readily than any scheme of funding.

We also understand that a minority of the Finance Committee have reported adversely to the tax bill, a synopsis of which was given some days ago in our columns. Richmond Examiner.

HEADQUARTERS.

CONFEDERATE'S MILITARY PRISON SALISBURY, N. C., Jan. 9, 1864. THE undersigned having received authority from the Secretary of War, to raise a Company of Non-Commissioned for local service, as Prison Guards, at Salisbury, N. C., will receive FIFTY free men, if they will come forward and join immediately. If they do not make immediate application, they cannot be received, as by a recent law of Congress, they will be conscripted and sent into the field. Apply to SWIFT GALLOWAY, Capt. Commanding Post, (OF H. O. LONG) 1133

IMPORTANT CONTRACT TO BE LET.

BIDS FOR Immediate building of TEN HOUSES, for General Hospital at SALISBURY, N. C., will be received on Wednesday next, and for ten days thereafter. The urgent demand for additional accommodation of the sick and wounded from our armies, absolutely requires that the important Hospital be completed at the very earliest day possible. Bidders will, of course, avail themselves of the prospectus, plan and specifications, that the work may be completed immediately. As the party with whom contract will be required to give ample security for the faithful fulfillment of the contract as per the agreement, none except those willing and prepared for this construction will be admitted. J. P. BRIDGER, SALISBURY, January 11th, 1864. Capt. & A. Q. M.

DIED.

In this county, at his residence, 23rd ultimo, GEORGE A. LOCKE, in the 45th year of his age. The deceased left a widowed mother, a wife and four children to mourn their irreparable loss. In the death of this estimable man, the church has lost a bright ornament, society a kind and benevolent citizen. In early manhood he embraced Christianity and connected himself with the Presbyterian church, and lived a consistent member till his death. Though his illness was long and painful he submitted with a resignation and fortitude which no one can unless supported by the promise of an eternal rest. Being confined to his room the greater part of his time for some months before his death, he calmly spoke of the approaching dissolution of his spirit with earthly tabernacle, and tranquilly looked forward to the time when his soul would reign with Christ above the host of angels of glory.—Ed. Col.

In Salisbury, on the 2nd ultimo, of consumption, JOHN MONROE, in the 35th year of his age. Mr. Monroe was known in this community as a quiet and pious citizen, pursuing his own appropriate calling, and interfering with no one. Of his religious feelings and instruction, probably no one knew any thing until he drew near his end. Then he became deeply anxious to secure an interest in the blood of the Saviour, and with tears and cries wrestled in prayer for forgiveness. This he at last believed he had secured, some weeks before his death. This hope did not desert him though he was constantly anxious to obtain a more assured confidence in the certainty of his conversion. In this state he passed away into the unseen world. His end was peace.—Con.

In this county, Sept. 30th, 1863, Mrs. MARGARET A., wife of Mr. Augustus F. Gruber, in the 34th year of her age.

Mrs. Gruber was an exemplary member of the Ev. Luth. Church, and although remotely situated from the house of worship, she nevertheless attended with commendable regularity upon stated religious ordinances. As a wife, she was tender and affectionate; as a mother, she was deeply interested in the moral and religious training of her children; as a mistress, she was kind and humane to her servants; and as a neighbor, she was obliging, benevolent, and sympathizing, visiting the sick and distressed in her vicinity, and by words and acts of kindness, alleviating the sorrows of the afflicted. She has left many friends to mourn over this bereaving dispensation of divine Providence.—[Con.]

At his residence, at the N. C. White Sulphur Springs, Catawba county, Jan. 2d, 1864, of Erysipelas, Col. HORACE L. ROBARDS, in the 49th year of his age. None knew him but to love him.

CONFEDERATE TAX NOTICE.

THE Assessors will meet at the times and places named below to take returns of the Income Taxes, and Taxes on Sales for the quarter ending 31st December, 1863. Also, those who produced any Cotton and Tobacco in the year 1863, will be required to make returns of the same.

- The Assessors will meet as follows: At Salisbury, January 18, 19, 20, 21. Mrs. Brown's, Monday, January 22. Green's Bridge, Tuesday " 26. Campbell's, Wednesday " 27. Mount Ulla, Thursday " 28. Atwell's, Friday " 29. McConaghey's, Saturday " 30. Litafer's, Monday, February 1. Hartman's, Tuesday " 2. Harkey's, Wednesday " 3. Miller's, Thursday " 4. Gold Hill, Friday " 5. Morgan's, Saturday " 6. Hatter Shop, Monday, " 8.

The Collector will be present with the Assessors, to collect the Cattle Tax, the Income Tax, and Tax on Sales due by all registered persons. At the same times and places, all registered persons will be required to register their business, and pay the specific Tax. Please attend to this notice, and avoid the penalties of the law. For particulars, see Watchman of the 4th January. WM. R. FRALEY, Tax Collector. December 23, 1863. 3w33

FOR SALE.

MY OLD STORE LOT, at the 3 bridge, on Third Creek, in one mile of Rowan Mills, on Western Rail Road, an excellent large Store House, dwelling house, smoke house, kitchen and stable. I believe it to be the best stand in the county for store or mechanics of all kinds—a good situation for Tanyard thereon. Those who wish to see it, are referred to Thomas A. Burke or Dr. Wood next at hand. The terms of purchase can be made as easy as the buyer may desire. Letters to me on the subject, must be directed to Deep Well Post Office, Iredell county, N. C. January 11, 1864. tf33

Rowan County Court, November Term, 1863.

William P. Graham and others vs. Robert Stewart and others. Petition to sell Land.

IN this case, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Robert Stewart and wife, Margaret John Foster and wife, Catherine, and Louella Nesbitt, are non-residents of this State; it is therefore ordered, that publication be made in the Salisbury Watchman for four weeks, notifying the said Robert Stewart and his wife, Margaret, John Foster and his wife, Catherine, and Louella Nesbitt, to be and appear at the next term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions of Rowan County, on the first Monday in February, 1864, to plead, answer or demur to the petition, or it will be heard ex parte as to them.

Witness, Obadiah Woodson, Clerk of our said Court at office, the 20th Monday in November, A. D. 1863, and in the 88th year of our Independence. OBADIAH WOODSON, C. C. C. Price adv. \$15.—4w33.

EXECUTOR'S SALE.

WILL be sold at the residence of George A. Locke, deceased, on Wednesday the 20th of January, one FINE JACK, One Wagon, some Horses, Cattle and Hogs, one set of Tail-to-Is, and various other articles. Persons having claims against said deceased, are requested to present them. J. D. JENKINSON, Ex'r. January 1, 1864. 3w33

DENTAL NOTICE.

W. F. BASON, M. D. DENTIST. WOULD respectfully make known that he is now, in his Office at Salisbury. N. E. As the above will not remain but apart of his time in Salisbury, those wishing to consult or who expect his Professional services will always be notified of each visit, by writing to him at Salisbury or by leaving their names and Post Office in the letter Box attached to the door of his Office. December 1st, 1863. tf33

EXECUTOR'S SALE.

HAVING qualified as Executor of the last will and testament of James Graham, dec'd, I will sell under Rowan sales, at his late residence on FRIDAY, the 23d of January 1864, the following property, to wit: One valuable NE GRO BOY, 250 bushels of WHEAT, one set of CARPENTER'S TOOLS, and some CATTLE. ALSO. All persons indebted to the estate, are requested to make immediate payment—and those having claims against the estate must present them within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be plead in bar of their recovery. S. F. COWARD, Ex'r. Dec. 29, 1863—3w32

WANTED—I want a manager for my Farm on Third Creek. He must be over the conscript age, or exempt from service. 3w32 JOHN WASHINGTON.

SALE OF LAND.

BY order of the Court of Equity of Rowan County, I will offer the following tracts of land for sale at the Court House in Lexington, on the 16th day of January next, belonging to the estate of Charles F. Fisher, dec'd.

1000 Acres

more or less, lying in Davidson County, South of the road leading from Healing Springs to Jackson Hill, adjoining the Heating Springs tract, and the lands of Eliza Rhodes, Lucky Bras, Widow Varner, widow Rhoads, Robson Holmes, Mason Holmes, John Kirk and Peter Beag, in Capt. Clay Daniel's district. pr adv \$8 50

500 Acres

more or less, known as the Geice Mountain tract in Davidson County, adjoining the lands of Woodson Daniel, Wm. C. Bane, the Hoover Mine tract, Alex. Frank, Jesse Lane, John Beas, Henry Becker, J. T. Loftin, Jas. Davis and T. W. Daniel, in Capt. Clay Daniel's district. pr adv \$8 50

200 Acres

more or less, adjoining the lands of John Moss heirs and others, in Davidson Co. pr adv \$5 50

91 Acres

more or less, situated in Randolph Co., known as the Jones Mine tract, formerly owned by Jonathan Jones, on which is a valuable Gold Mine. A steam engine of 30 horse power with the machinery attached, will be sold with this land. pr adv \$8 50.

ALSO.

On Saturday, the 23d day of January next, I will sell on the premises, in Montgomery Co., the Russel Mine, with buildings erected for mining purposes. And at the same time the personal property on the premises will be sold by consent of the parties. Terms of sale six months credit with interest. pr adv \$8 50. LUKE BLACKNER, C. M. E. Dec. 25, 1863—32

Dog Lost—\$20 REWARD.

MY dog HILL, small bull terrier, white and yellow spotted, ears cropped, left my residence about the 1st of November. The above reward will be given for his delivery to me 2 1/2 miles from Third Creek Station, or any information which will lead to his recovery. 3w12 S. A. SLOAN.

State of North Carolina.

ROWAN COUNTY. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, November Term, A. D. 1863.

Jas. I. Shaver, Adm'r of Henry C. Simonton, vs. Sidney X. Johnston & wife and others.

PETITION FOR SALE OF LAND.

IN this case, it appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that James Conner and the heirs-at-law of Samuel Conner are non-residents of this State,—it is, therefore, ordered by the Court that publication be made for six weeks in the "Salisbury Watchman," for said defendants to be and appear at the next term of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions to be held for said County of Rowan, at the Court House in Salisbury, on the first Monday in February next, then and there to show cause, if any they have, why the prayer of the Petitioner shall not be granted.

Witness, Obadiah Woodson, Clerk of our said Court at Office, this 1st Monday in November, A. D. 1863, and in the 88th year of our Independence. OBADIAH WOODSON, C. C. C. pr adv \$15.—5w32

General Auction and Commission.

IN SALISBURY.

HAVING opened the above business in this place, we will give our strictest attention to it, looking after the interests of those having property in this part of North Carolina. Hiring and selling negroes, or any species of property, produce or goods. Office and Ware-house in Salisbury. E. Best of references given. EDWARDS & CO. W. E. EDWARDS, Auctioneer. Salisbury Journal copy 3 months daily. January 4, 1864.—1w32

WE beg leave to suggest the name of Mr. J. H. ENNIS, as a candidate for the office of Intendant of Police for the Town of Salisbury. Efficiency in office herebefore, we think sufficient recommendation, and we hope that all those who want a well regulated Town, will support him with their votes. MANY VOTERS. January 4, 1864. 4w32