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A Convention—The Legislature.

In reference to a movement now being made in this State to call a Convention, we deem it not inappropriate to recall public attention to the action of the Legislature...

On the 27th of November, 1862, the following resolutions were introduced in the House of Commons...

Resolved, That the Confederate States of America have the means and the will to sustain and perpetuate the Government they have established...

Resolved, That the separation between the Confederate States and the United States is final, and that the people of North Carolina will never consent to re-union at any time or upon any terms.

Resolved, That we have full confidence in the ability and patriotism of His Excellency President Davis, and that his administration is entitled to the cordial support of all patriotic citizens.

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The names were as follows: Messrs. Allison, Abriton, Alford, Amis, Avera, Barndhardt, Barringer, Beall, Bembury, Berry, Best, Bizzell, Bryan, Bugin, Burns, Carpenter, Carson, Cowles, Craig, Davis, Fleming, Flynt, Foster, Fowle, Foy, Geniry, Griggs, Grissom, Hampton, Harris, of Chatham, Harrison, Hawes, Henderson, Henry, of Henderson, Headen, Hollingsworth, Hooper, Howard, Horton, Ingram, Jenkins, Joiner, Judd, Keener, Kelly, Kerper, Laws, Long, Lyle, Mann of Hyde, Mann of Pasquotank, McAdon, McCormick, McKay, McNeill, McKay, Parks, Patterson, Peavey, Richardson, Riddle, Rhodes, Robbins, Ross, Swope, L. Sherwood, Shaver, Smith, of Washington, Spruill, Stanch, Vann, Waddell, Wall, Walser, Watson, Wellborn, Williams, Wood, Young of Lenoir, and Young of Yadon.

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ous defensive war, and to the acceptance of no terms short of our independence, may be truly said to have passed the Legislature without a dissenting voice.

Our readers have lately seen that efforts are now making to get up a Convention in this State. For what purpose? It is believed by those best informed on the subject, that the purpose is to take the State out of the Southern Confederacy...

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Judge Battle's Opinion.

We were gratified to see the following card from Judge Battle in the last Standard. It is but justice to Judge B. to say, that while he has shown commendable spirit in enforcing the law, he has also manifested a like disposition to sift the evidence in all cases brought before him...

Habeas Corpus.

In an article which appears in the Fayetteville Observer of Dec. 21st, 1863, signed 'Civic,' there is the following paragraph: 'And it is the opinion of at least one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, (upon the analogy, as I suppose, of the principle decided in the matter of H. C. Graham, as reported in the appendix to Jones' law, Vol. 8, No. 2, June Term, 1861.) that a soldier who is absent from his command without leave, being subject to trial and punishment by a court martial for said offence, cannot, while so absent, be heard up in an application for his discharge from service.'

In Graham's case it was held by all the Judges of the Supreme Court, that an enlisted soldier could not, either by himself or by his guardian, be allowed to raise the question as to the invalidity of his enlistment on account of his infancy and the want of his guardian's consent, while he was under arrest for a breach of military duty...

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The Currency.

The Richmond Examiner of Friday last, has the following encouraging article relative to the improvement of the Currency:

The assessors of the first general Confederate tax are now drawing towards a conclusion of their labors, and if the accounts we hear of the results in particular cities and counties be true, and if these results be a fair sample of what will be realized in the Confederacy at large, the aggregate tax must be very considerable; probably not less than three or four hundred millions of dollars.

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TELEGRAPHIC.

REPORTS OF THE PRESS ASSOCIATION.

Entered according to act of Congress in the year 1863, by J. S. Trumbull, in the Clerk's office of the District Court of the Confederate States for the Northern District of Georgia.

Congressional.

The House passed the Senate bill to appoint an agent of the Postoffice Department west of the Mississippi, with a slight amendment. A resolution was offered that the bill to continue in service during the war all persons now in service, be hereafter considered and acted upon in open session.

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sth; cause explosion of gas pipe—two thousand lives lost.

Twelve transports with troops went down the Mississippi a few days ago. Also Sherman and staff—destination unknown.

From the Southwest.

PASCOGOLA, Jan. 25. Gentlemen who left the neighborhood of Covington, La., on the 15th, say, that on the 7th, two of the enemy's gunboats and six transport schooners appeared off the mouth of the river and commenced shelling the marsh, when the Confederate pickets, seven men under charge of a Sergeant, started from Madisonville in a skiff on a tour of observation and were supposed to have been captured—the Sergeant being the only one known to have escaped.

Our informant was at Covington on the 7th and started for Madisonville on the same night, in company with John Pollock and Frank Peters. Being ignorant of the near approach of the enemy, the two latter were taken prisoners, but our informant escaped unhurt, though repeatedly fired at. He estimates the enemy's force at not more than two or three hundred. They are engaged in raising the hulls of several vessels sunk in the river by our authorities.

Our force, at the time, consisted of one company of Greenlee's Sharpshooters, stationed at Covington, which withdrew towards Franklinton.

Our informant represents the trade in cotton carried on between Amite Summit and other places, on New Orleans and Jackson Railroad, and Baton Rouge, as being very extensive and without molestation.

Four gunboats in sight yesterday—three off Round Island by the side of another. Others proceeded towards Ship Island.

Several shells fired at the city since last report. Enemy engaged all day in hauling ammunition to Fort Gregg and Cumming's Point batteries.

Considerable activity has been observed among the fleet. Three monitors have anchored inside, between Cumming's Point battery and Fort Subter. No other change of importance.

From Mobile. Banks ordered an election for a Convention on the first Monday in April. Convention to meet first Monday in May.

Register and Advertiser by special correspondence, have received Northern dates to the 24th. Another plot to release the prisoners on Johnson's Island, by rebels in Canada, has been discovered, and two companies of British troops sent to Windsor opposite Detroit.

It is reported that Quantrell, with 1,500 men are now at Carthage, Louisiana, below Vicksburg.

The Florida has been repaired and sailed from Brest.

Vera Cruz advices of the 2nd inst., say, that in the fight of Dec. 17, Morelia (French) captured eleven canon and one thousand prisoners. Juarez escaped to Monterey.

From Tennessee. Our cavalry still in the vicinity of Knoxville. Their captures during the recent retreat sums up 800 cattle, 500 wagons, two battoas loaded with crackers, tobacco, and several hundred barrels of flour.

Reconnoissance in the direction of Tazewell yesterday by Major Day, found the Yankees strongly fortified there, and in considerable force. Twenty-eight of our wagons were captured on Friday, whilst foraging beyond French Broad.

The cars ran to Greenville yesterday and will reach here Saturday.

There is no change to report in the condition of affairs in this department. The wagons captured by the enemy recently, amount to bat 20.

Weather clear and very pleasant. Confederate Congress. In the House, the resolution concerning the 15th Tennessee regiment, on re-volunteering for the war, presented by the Speaker, was ordered to be printed.

The bill fixing the time for the meeting of next Congress, was taken up. Mr. Miles, Chairman of the Military Committee, appealed to the House, stating that highly important bills passed by the House in secret session and sent to the Senate, had not been taken up by that body, and these, with matters of the greatest possible moment to the country now before his committee still unacted on, were more than the present Congress could properly deliberate and act upon before it expired; and urged that in these perilous times there should be no interregnum in the sessions of Congress.

A motion to insert 22d February was rejected—yeas 32, nays 44. The bill then agreed to be passed by the Senate, for Congress to meet the 1st Monday in May next, and now awaits the President's signature.

Dispatches and other information that large numbers of Mississippi, Louisiana and Tennessee troops in Lee's and Johnston's armies are re-enlisting for the war, presented this morning in the heretofore determined never to abandon the field till the last man falls is driven from our soil, were unanimously adopted.

Resolutions heretofore reported by the Committee on military affairs, relative to the office of Quartermaster General, were taken up and adopted—yeas 15, nays 5.

The previous report that these resolutions were adopted on the day they were presented by the committee, was erroneous—the reporter being misinformed.

New Advertisements. Notice.—Is hereby given that on Saturday, the 30th inst., I shall attend at the Court House to distribute the bags placed in my hands for the purchase of the Rock salts. All who have bags there will please attend.

A Grand Ball will come off at the Collins' House, Kitterell's Depot, on the night of Thursday the 4th of February next, the proceeds of which will be donated to the Hospital Fund of this State. Terms of admission \$20 per head.

The Sale of the Real Estate of the late John Kane, advertised to be made on the 10th day of February next, is postponed until further notice. Persons desiring to rent the premises in town and country for the current year, can make application to the undersigned without delay.

THE EVENING NEWS has a special dispatch from Com. with Northern dates to the 21st. The steamer Ariel has arrived at New York. The Cathedral at Santiago, Chili, was burned on the 21st.

Raleigh, Jan. 25, 1864.