

Western Democrat. CHARLOTTE, N. C. REASONS FOR VOTING AGAINST THE PENSION BILL.

The opposition party have endeavored to make political capital against the democrats of the last Congress who voted against the demagoguing and electioneering Pension Bill introduced at that time simply for the purpose of making votes for those who supported it.

Mr. Leitch, of Virginia, in his late Address to the people of his State, explains the matter so fully and gives such good reasons for voting against the bill, that we copy that portion in order to let our readers see what an unfair and odious measure it was.

"For my vote against this measure, I have been arraigned by my competitor and his allies and organs. I have no apology to make for the vote I gave it after due consideration, believed to be the right when given, and I believe it right now."

Under previous laws, provision was made for two classes of pensioners. The first class were invalids—embracing those wounded in battle, or disabled by disease contracted in actual service.

The second class were the Revolutionary soldiers and officers, and in case of their death the widows and children of all such. The reason assigned for the passage of this bill was, that this class had rendered valuable services to the country, for which they had never been compensated.

The entire amount paid for pensions of all kinds, under existing laws from the organization of the government up to the 30th of June 1858, amounts to the sum of \$86,576,087.56—being for Army pensioners \$81,499,242.20 and for Navy pensioners \$4,879,846.36.

The Bill of the last Congress provided for the soldiers of the War of 1812 with Great Britain and Indian wars of that and former periods, and grants pensions for life to the surviving, and to the widows of deceased officers, non-commissioned officers, musicians and privates of the regular army.

Ist. Those who served twelve months or more, were to have a pension of \$96 per year.

2nd. Those who served less than twelve months, but as much as six months, were to have \$75 per year.

3rd. Those who served less than six months, but as much as sixty days were to have \$50 per year.

4th. Those who were engaged in battle, were to have the highest rate of pension, viz: \$86 per year.

The Commissioner of Pensions has prepared a table showing the number of the militia of the several States who were engaged in the war of 1812, and this table shows that there were 9,975 officers, 17,712 non-commissioned officers, and 118,508 soldiers, who served less than one month.

There were 8,541 officers, and 101,227 soldiers, who served more than one, and less than three months. There were 8,099 officers, 14,076 non-commissioned officers, and 102,868 soldiers, who served more than three, and less than six months.

There were 4,058 officers, 7,517 non-commissioned officers, and 52,131 soldiers, who served more than six, and less than nine months. There were 189 officers, 234 non-commissioned officers, and 2,096 soldiers, who served more than nine, and less than twelve months; and there were 342 officers, 865 non-commissioned officers, and 5,936 soldiers, who served more than twelve months.

These make an aggregate force of 31,219 officers, 57,446 non-commissioned officers and 382,766 soldiers of the militia alone, who are to be provided for under this bill.

The bill was to take effect from the 1st of December, 1857, and if it had become a law, an appropriation of \$29,760,710 would have been required at the last session of Congress to put this great machine in operation. The average annual expenditure under this bill would have been about \$8,800,000 for a period of ten years.

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Foreign Intelligence. LATER FROM EUROPE.

By late arrivals from Europe we have the following intelligence of the war. In Liverpool cotton had declined 1/4 to 1 penny. Breadstuffs had also slightly declined.

The news from the seat of war is unchanged. There had been no battle.

A dispatch from Pavia, dated the 19th May, says that there is great movement of troops, and a collision was expected to take place on the 19th or 20th May. The rumors from other quarters are that a battle is imminent.

The Liverpool Post says it has reliable information that the passage of the Ticino by the French will be a signal for the European alliance against France, and that Austrian troops will march on Paris.

The Austrians had removed their head quarters to Carlsruhe, and had also withdrawn their forces from Verelli, and the place is now occupied by the Allies.

An action is looked for every moment. The Austrian ports have been blockaded by the French squadron, which had taken many merchantmen.

Napoleon still remained at Alessandria, and was busied with his generals in laying strategical plans. Some Piedmontese cavalry had fallen in with a detachment of Austrian Hussars, and made a few prisoners.

Austria has recognized the neutrality of the States of the Church.

The bridge at Stella had been threatened by the Austrians, who have workmen assembled there and at other points on the Po. The waters of the Po had considerably risen.

The women and children of the country have been compelled by the Austrians to labor on the defensive works.

Several of the Sardinian mayors have been arrested by the Austrians for refusing demands for contributions.

Four Austrian merchant vessels have been captured by the French squadron.

Rains have been falling incessantly, which account for the inactivity of the respective forces, and some of the Austrian works have been considerably damaged.

NAPOLEON TO THE ARMY IN ITALY.—Napoleon III had not lost sight of the charms which cluster around the brilliant achievements of his uncle, and the influence which a recollection of them exerts upon the courage of the French soldiers.

In taking command of the Army in Italy he issued the following address:

Soldiers! I come to place myself at your head to conduct you to the combat. We are about to second the struggles of a people now vindicating its independence and to rescue it from foreign oppression.

This is a sacred cause which has the sympathies of the civilized world. I need not stimulate your ardor—every step will remind you of a victory.

In the Via Sacra of ancient Rome inscriptions were chiselled upon the marble reminding the people of their exalted deeds; it is the same to-day.

In passing Morovic, Marango, Lodi, Castiglione, Areole and Rivoli, you will, in the midst of those glorious recollections, be marching into another Via Sacra. Preserve that strict discipline which is the honor of the army; there forget it not. There are no other enemies than the compact and abandon not your ranks to hasten forward. Beware of too great enthusiasm, which is the only thing I fear.

The new armies of precision are dangerous only at a distance; they will not prevent the bayonet from being what it has hitherto been, the terrible weapon of the French infantry. Soldiers, let us all do our duty, and put our confidence in God.

Our country expects much from you. From one end of France to the other the following words of happy augury resound: "The new army of Italy will be worthy of her elder sister!"

NAPOLEON.

CORRUPTION.

Is the President of the United States, the thief and rascal that Opposition decency make him out to be? Is he the unmitigated scoundrel, the base villain, the brazen faced swindler, the shameless treasury filcher, and the public robber, that we find charged in every Know nothing sheet in the land, be it great or small? Mr. Buchanan has always borne an irreproachable moral character.

The breath of slander has never tainted his fame; though even before the people of his country, and serving them in the highest and most responsible positions; though he has mingled in the strifes and turmoil of political life, and when party feeling raged bitter, vindictive, and remorseless, he passed through them all unscathed, not even a shade of moral wrong attaching to him.

And can it be now, when upon the verge of the grave; after having served his country with credit and with honor until a ripe old age brings him in view of eternity; when he has nothing to look to in this world beyond the esteem, respect, and veneration of his countrymen; can it be, we say, after all this, and when occupying the first place in the gift of a great people, he should descend to the tricks and meanness of a common penitentiary convict, blasting his proud reputation, and sinking into the grave with the contempt and execrations of every honest man? Can any one believe it? and yet such is the character given by zealous and vindictive partisans to the Executive of this great country. If these men who perpetrate so gross an outrage upon the name and fame of James Buchanan, were possessed of one generous feeling or were not dead to all the finer feelings which honor our nature, a thought upon such conduct would tinge their cheeks with shame; and we might expect speedy reparation. Not one noble impulse urges them to any such course, and therefore we may expect a repetition of the unfounded slanders.—Elizabeth City Pioneer.

THE CROPS.—The wheat, corn, and oat crops in Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Davidson and Forsyth are looking well, and the promise at present is a good yield. The wheat is all in full head. We saw some fields that were ripe, and some wheat that had been cut and shocked.

We learn that the crop of tobacco in the Caswell and Rockingham country has been considerably increased.—In Caswell, it is thought, at least one-third on last year's crop. The late fine season was highly beneficial to the crops of all kinds, and was especially opportune for the tobacco planters, who were enabled to set out their plants with the best prospect of a good stand.—Raleigh Standard.

FAYETTEVILLE FEMALE HIGH SCHOOL.—The annual commencement exercises of this popular institution will commence on Tuesday, July 5th, at 3 o'clock, P. M. On Wednesday evening, the literary address will be delivered by Robert P. Dick, Esq., of Greensboro'. The annual Sermon will be delivered on Thursday night by Rev. A. Weaver. On Thursday afternoon there will be a concert of vocal and instrumental music. There are now over one hundred young ladies connected with this School, fifteen of whom will graduate in July.—Daily North Carolinian.

Correspondence of the Democrat.

STATESVILLE, N. C., May 27th, 1859.

MR. YATES: I left your town this morning at five o'clock and arrived at Salisbury at a quarter past seven, where I found a superb breakfast at the "Boyd House," kept by Mr. L. L. Boyden, assisted by J. P. Gowen, who are ever ready to make their guests comfortable.

At a quarter to eight the whistle of the Swannanoa, an engine on the Western N. C. Railroad, told me that the train was about to leave, and as I had no idea of being left, I was soon aboard, and in an hour and a half the Conductor announced that we were at the Statesville station, where I found a flock in readiness to convey passengers to the "Simonton House," kept by that accomplished hostess, Mrs. Wren, where the inner man is substantially cared for.

A brushing up was essential, and after having finished that, I took a stroll around town—which being several years since I had passed through this place—and found myself at the "Concord Female College," where the young ladies were having a good time, being engaged in the closing exercises of the School; about to leave their classic shades and return to their several homes, to enjoy those sweets which no other place is capable of giving.

The concourse of persons here is unusually large, so much so that the Chapel of the College was not sufficiently large to contain the crowd, all of whom were eager to witness the concert which was given this evening.

It is nothing more than due to Mr. Faucett, (the President,) the Faculty and the young ladies, to say that they should ever be proud of such an occasion, when all have acquitted themselves with so much credit. I understand the College is in a flourishing condition, numbering about ninety pupils. To-morrow the crowd will disperse, leaving Statesville to its usual quietude.

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THE WAY TO SPOIL GIRLS.

[By Request.] If any parent wishes a recipe how to spoil daughters, it can be easily and readily given, and can be proved by the experience of hundreds to be certain and efficacious.

1. Be always telling her, from earliest childhood what a beautiful creature she is. It is a capital way of inflating the vanity of a little girl, to be constantly exclaiming, "How pretty!" Children understand flattery, even when in the nurse's arms, and the evil is done to the character, in its earliest formation.

2. Begin as soon as she can waddle around, to rig her up in fashionable clothes and rich dresses. Put a hoop upon her at once, with all the artificial adornments of flounces and feathers, and flowers and curls. Fondness for dress will be a prominent characteristic and will usurp the whole attention of the young immortal, and be a long step towards spoiling her.

3. Let her visit so much that she finds no happiness at home, and therefore will not be apt to stay there and learn home duties. It is a capital thing for a spoiled daughter to seek all her happiness in visiting, and change of place and associates. She will thus grow up as useless as modern fashionable parents delight that they should be.

4. Let her reading consist of novels of the nauseatingly sentimental kind. She will be spoiled sooner than if she perused history or science. Her heart will be occupied by fictitious scenes and her mind will be filled with unrealities; and she will be placed on fashion and dress and romantic attachments.

5. Be careful that her education gives her a smattering of all the accomplishments, without the slightest knowledge of the things really useful in life. Your daughter won't be spoiled so long as she has a real desire to be useful in the world, and aims at its accomplishment. If her mind and time are occupied in modern accomplishments, there will be no thought of the necessity and virtue of being of some real use to somebody pervading her heart, and she will be soon ready as a spoiled daughter.

6. As a consequence, keep her in profound ignorance of all the useful arts of housekeeping, impress upon her mind that it is vulgar to do anything for herself, or to learn how anything is done in the house. A spoiled daughter should never be taught the mysteries of the kitchen—such things a lady always leaves to the servants. It would be "vulgar" for her to know how to dress, to wash, to iron, to sweep, to wring the neck of a live chicken, pluck it and prepare it for breakfast, or to do anything that servants are hired to do. As a mistress of a house it is her duty to sit on a velvet sofa all day, in the midst of a pyramid of silks and flounces, reading the last fashion novel, while her domestics are performing the labors of the house.

To complete the happiness of your spoiled daughter marry her to a bearded youth with soft hands, who knows as little how to earn money as she does to save it. Her happiness will be finished for her life time.—Harford Courant.

A GREAT PEDESTALIAN FEAT.—The San Francisco Herald says James Kenyon, who had undertaken to walk or run 400 miles in 100 hours, accomplished his arduous feat in that city, having performed the distance in 98 hours and 20 minutes thus winning by one hour forty minutes. On the last ten rounds he was kept up by cheers and noise as well as urging, when he struck a trot and came in winner. He weighed 125 pounds at the start, and 121 at the conclusion of his wager, having lost four pounds and a half. The best time made was 5 miles in one hour, and on the last hour he accomplished but one mile and a half.