

THE NEWS. The Forts at the mouth of Cape Fear River in this State, have been taken possession of by the citizens of Smithville, N. C., under the apprehension that the Government intended to occupy them with U. S. troops.

The Mississippi, Florida and Alabama Conventions have passed Secession Ordinances. These States are now in line with South Carolina.

Full accounts of the attempt to reinforce Fort Sumter with U. S. troops will be found in to-day's paper. It will be seen that South Carolina courage was equal to the occasion.

The news from Washington affords very little hope of a peaceful settlement. There are hundreds of false reports telegraphed from Washington, and it is a hard matter to tell what is reliable.

The Secretary of the Interior, Mr. Thompson, has resigned his position in Mr. Buchanan's Cabinet. This is the fourth cabinet officer who has resigned since the commencement of difficulties.

A U. S. Revenue Cutter was captured at Savannah by some Georgians. The Governor of Ga. had her released at the request of the collector at the port of Savannah.

It will be seen that a telegraphic dispatch reports that Mr. Thomas (who was appointed Sec'y of Treasury in place of Mr. Cobb) has also resigned.

Initiatory steps have been taken in some of the Northern State Legislatures for repealing the anti-fugitive slave laws.

A resolution has passed the Senate of the Missouri Legislature for calling a State Convention.

The Legislature.—It will be seen by the proceedings that the Convention question is under consideration. A substitute has been offered for the original bill.

On Thursday, Mr. Barringer of Cabarrus, made an excellent speech in favor of the Convention bill. In the House, Mr. Dortch proposed to amend it so as to submit the action of the Convention to the people for adoption or rejection.

THE CENTRAL CONFEDERACY QUESTION.—The more we think about the idea of a portion of the South forming a new confederacy with some of the free States, the more we are opposed to it.

A union with the border free States would finally result in greatly injuring or abolishing slavery or in another dissolution. We would have no more security or peace in a union with a part of the free States than we now have with the whole.

SENSIBLE ADVICE.—It is very clear, from the signs of the times, that as a nation, we have got to economize this winter.

MAJ. HILL'S ADDRESS.—We call attention to the Address of Maj. D. H. Hill of this place, delivered last week before the Committee on Education of the N. C. Legislature.

Speaking of Maj. Hill, reminds us of what we intended to mention last week, that his services have been solicited by the authorities of South Carolina.

MR. VANCE.—Wonder if Mr. Vance, the member of Congress from the Mountain District, is in favor of coercion?

A black republican moved to lay this resolution on the table, and Mr. Vance voted for so doing, while Messrs Leach, Branch and Winslow voted against the motion.

The Northern people have been firing salutes and passing resolutions in honor of Maj. Anderson for what they term his gallantry in changing his position from Fort Moultrie to Fort Sumter.

OHIO AND ILLINOIS.—The Governor of Ohio recommends the repeal of the Personal Liberty Bill of that State.

TENNESSEE.—The Governor's Message to the Legislature recommends that the question of calling a Convention be left to the people.

FLORIDA AND ALABAMA SECEDED.—Tallahassee, Jan. 11.—Florida seceded yesterday, at twelve minutes past 12 o'clock.

ARKANSAS FOR TEXAS.—J. N. Merriman, Collector of the port of Georgetown, S. C., was, on Monday last, arrested by the people of Georgetown.

FREE NEGRO LAW OF KENTUCKY.—The free negro law passed by the last General Assembly of Kentucky, provides that hereafter no slave shall be emancipated unless ample security be given for the removal of such slave from the State.

HORRIBLE MURDER.—On Monday, the 7th inst., Lucius T. Woodruff, a planter, living about five miles from Weldon, N. C., was seized by five of his slaves, taken into an adjoining wood, and his head chopped off with an axe.

MONTEGOMERY, Jan. 10.—It is understood that a Committee of Thirteen reported an Ordinance of Secession, this morning. It will be debated and perhaps adopted to-day.

Two negro men, field hands, 35 years old, were sold in Lancaster last week at \$1,250 and \$1,330 each.

FOOLISH REPORTS.—It is stated that Lincoln has received information from Virginia of a plot to prevent his inauguration on the 4th of March.

LATER FROM WASHINGTON. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11.—Mr. Thomas, the Secretary of the Treasury, has resigned and Gen. John A. Dix, of New York, has been appointed in his place.

THE WAR AT CHARLOTTE. CHARLOTTE, Jan. 9.—The citizens of Charlotte who slept late in the morning, were awakened rather rudely to-day by the unusual booming of cannon.

CONGRESS.—This body has done nothing of importance so far as we can learn. The committee of the border States proposed resolutions to be offered to Congress as a compromise of difficulties.

THE PRESIDENT'S SPECIAL MESSAGE ON FEDERAL AFFAIRS (an abstract of which we publish elsewhere) created some stir in both Houses last week.

IN THE HOUSE, on the 9th, Mr. Howard, of Michigan, introduced a resolution of inquiry, as to negotiations in relation to the transfer of the South Carolina forts; also, if any pledges were given that they were not to be reinforced.

DIFFICULTY BETWEEN TOOMBS AND SCOTT. WASHINGTON, Jan. 11, 1861.—It is rumored that, at a dinner party last night, an altercation took place between General Scott and Senator Toombs.

BOARDS.—The departments under the heretofore given entire satisfaction. The pupils' rooms are heated with fire-places.

ACCOMMODATIONS.—The pupils pay at the time for every article they use. They make no accounts, either directly or indirectly.

PRINCIPAL.—S. LANDER, Principal. High Point Female School, High Point, N. C.

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MARRIED. At Oaklawn, Asheville, on the 9th inst., by the Rev. Mr. Morrison, Rufus Barringer, Esq. of Concord, to Miss Rosalie A., daughter of Maj. A. E. Chanon of Asheville.

DIED. In Gaston county, on the 3d inst, Mrs. Delia R. Johnston, wife of John R. Johnston, Esq. She left an affectionate husband and son and many relations and friends to mourn her premature death.

Candidate for Constable. We are requested to announce W. W. REA as a candidate for Constable in the Providence Beat. Election on Saturday the 26th of January.

Dissolution. The firm of FULLINGS, SPRINGS & CO. was dissolved and come forward and SETTLE UP, as we cannot carry on business without money.

OUR BOOKS MUST BE CLOSED. All those who are indebted to us by note or account, must come forward and SETTLE UP, as we cannot carry on business without money.

CASH FOR BOOKS. My Friends will please not ask nor expect to be credited at my Store, I can give it. I am closing business.

Female Institute. The next Session will commence on the first of Feb'y. Terms per Session of twenty weeks.

High Point Female School, High Point, N. C. The Spring Session, 1861, will begin on Monday, Feb. 4th, with the following: Board of Trustees: S. LANDER, A. M., Principal; Miss J. C. Lindsey, Miss M. J. Tucker, Miss L. A. Lander, Assistants.

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Charlotte Market, Jan. 14, 1861. Corrected weekly by Oatis & Williams.

Table of market prices for various commodities including Bacon, Flour, Lard, and other goods with their respective prices and weights.

REMARKS. We advance quotations for Cotton this week. There was more sold last week than formerly—good middling 9 1/2 to 9 3/4, middling 8 3/4 to 9—market closing steady with good demand.

Notice. I would respectfully inform my friends that from this date my Books will be closed, and Goods sold only for CASH during the present excitement.

Wagon Work and Blacksmithing. I have opened a shop on College street, in the rear of Mr. Raby's stable, where I am prepared to do all kinds of Wagon-Work and Blacksmithing.

Notice. On the 28th instant, (being the fourth Monday in this month) I will sell at public auction, at the court-house in Charlotte, MELISSA and CINDA, two negroes belonging to the estate of the late Richard Carson, dec'd.

Private Lessons on the Piano. I have engaged in the Piano business for more than ten years, I offer my assistance most particularly to all those who may desire to purchase Pianos or to exchange old Pianos for new ones.

Terms, Cash! We respectfully inform our friends and customers that owing to the stringency of monetary affairs, we will be compelled to sell for...

Cash and for Cash only. During the year 1861, having a large stock on hand, we will reduce the prices to suit the times.

Situation Wanted. As Conductor on some Railroad Train, or as Agent at some Depot, or as Mail Agent.

A School for Young Men and Boys. The subscriber, who has had some years experience as a successful teacher, both in Primary and Classical Schools, will open a SCHOOL, in the Town Hall, on the 14th inst.

Taken Up. On the 29th of December, two Mules, supposed to have strayed off from their owner. One is a light bay, the other dark or black—judged to be about 2 years old.