

N. C. STATE CONVENTION.

The Convention has been in secret session so much that it is hard to tell what has been done. A resolution was introduced for appointing a Secretary of War...

On Tuesday the Ordinance for the adoption of the permanent Constitution of the Confederate States was under consideration.

On Wednesday, Mr. Christian offered a resolution of inquiry as to the propriety of amending the Constitution so as to allow the people to elect Magistrates.

Mr. Calloway of Wilkes, offered the following, which was adopted: That a special committee of seven be appointed to consider the propriety of amending the Constitution...

Mr. Dick's resolution to refer the permanent Constitution of the Confederate States to a vote of the people was discussed by Messrs. Badger, Graham, Ruffin and Saunders.

On Thursday, the President announced a communication from the Messenger sent to Montgomery, transmitting a letter from Hon. R. Toombs, Secy of State...

Whereas, the Convention has been invested with supreme power, to meet an extraordinary and dangerous emergency, and to exert its best energy to secure the safety and promote the welfare of the Commonwealth...

Resolved, That this Convention will not confer any appointment of political trust or profit upon any of its members. Mr. Osborne moved to lay the resolution on the table.

Mr. Speed then advocated the passage of the resolution. He alluded to the blockade of the Virginia ports, and the threatening aspect of affairs on our own border.

Mr. Osborne replied. He said, the subject of who shall be elected to the Congress at Montgomery had never been agitated in his presence.

Mr. Speed rejoined. He said he would choose his own time and manner of speaking his sentiments, and if gentlemen suppose he should so, they mistake their man.

Mr. Osborne again insisted that the Convention is a body, and that the Convention is a body, and that the Convention is a body.

Mr. Kirtland said, he was not in when the resolution was introduced, and asked if there were any limits to time. The resolution was again read.

Mr. Osborne moved to postpone the resolution indefinitely. Mr. Bates moved to lay it on the table for the present, and his motion having precedence.

Mr. Bates called for the yeas and nays, which being seconded, were ordered, and resulted—yeas 60, nays 38.

NEW FLOUR.—The Charleston papers advertise new flour from the "Forest City Mills," at Savannah, ground from wheat grown on the plantation of Dr. Daniell, near that city.

PERSONAL.—David H. Todd, a brother-in-law of old Abe Lincoln, has been appointed a Lieutenant in the army of the Confederate States, and is now on duty in North Carolina.

THE INVASION OF VIRGINIA.

Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch. MANASSAS JUNCTION, May 27, 1861.

Messrs. Editors:—Having seen no authentic statement of the occupation of Alexandria, it may be of interest to your readers to know some of the details.

Early on the morning after the election, (about 3 o'clock,) notice was given that preparations were in active progress for the occupation of Alexandria by the Federal troops.

In accordance with the Punice character of the Administration thus far, the Federal troops were hurried in, and captured the larger portion of Captain Ball's company, and it is said, handcuffed them, put them on board a steamboat and marched them up to Washington and through the streets in triumph.

Mistrusting the characters of the Black Republicans, most of the troops collected and returned to the west end of the town, while the Republican troops were not over two hundred yards distant, and might easily have had an engagement even with the small force of 600, without artillery, and having it well understood that no stand was to be made.

It must be all right, now that delay has put us behind in preparation; but it galls Virginia very much to have to yield their soil, even for a moment. Trusting to the skill and bravery of our commanding officers, we hope soon to see the vandals driven from our borders.

The affair at the Marshall House you have already heard. Poor Jackson fell like a hero, having singled out his man. He was a soldier, who had been a member of the House of Representatives.

It is reported that a number of stores have been broken open, the mansion House seized and occupied, the depot books torn up and the safe rifled of \$75, the court-house seized and the papers all burnt.

In addition to the above, it is positively stated that a number of rapes have been perpetrated, and all the deeds which you might naturally expect from an unprincipled set of men who are following in their train.

These facts are in the main fully authentic; the rest will be sustained by current testimony. It will thus be seen that we must put out our whole strength, and humbly invoking the blessing of Heaven on our cause, advance to the rescue of our people, before the vandal hordes gather strength by our delays and overrun the State.

We are anxiously awaiting news from Manassas Junction. The troops of the Confederate States and those of Old Abe are in such close proximity up there, that a conflict at any moment appears almost inevitable.

A gentleman who reached here yesterday afternoon, and who passed through Alexandria yesterday morning, confirms all the statements brought by telegraph last night regarding the brutal outrages of the New York Zouaves in that city.

DEPARTURE FOR LIVERPOOL.—The British ship Sir Allan McNab, Capt. Chapman, which arrived here on Saturday last, consigned to the enterprising firm of Gibbs & Co., sailed for Liverpool Friday afternoon, having been loaded and got ready for sea with remarkable dispatch.

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WAR ITEMS.

FROM MONTGOMERY.—The Mason (Ga.) Telegraph says: "From a party in a position to know we learn that the military plans of President Davis are but partially disclosed to Congress itself."

OUTRAGES IN ALEXANDRIA.—We have heard accounts of outrages upon women at Alexandria which almost transcend belief. In Europe such cases sometimes occur in the sack of a fortified town; but they are almost unprecedented in the case of a town, like Alexandria, that makes no resistance to an enemy.

Mr. Jackson, the proprietor of the Marshall House, in Alexandria, Va., who recently shot Ellsworth, was yesterday shot by a Union man.

SAVANNAH, May 29.—The British and Russian Consuls board the Federal propeller Union, off the bar to-day. The Captain notified them that the blockade of Charleston and Savannah had commenced on Tuesday, with the Minnesota, Wash, Union and another vessel.

ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI, May 28.—Bird's Point is occupied by Federalists. Harney has authorized the formation of a Home Guard, and the Union men at Hannibal and St. Joseph, Kansas City and other places to be furnished with arms, and mustered into the service of the United States.

WASHINGTON, May 28.—Ell Thayer has been made Patent Commissioner. Gossip says that he drove out our citizens, whilst such men as Close, late of the Southern Protection Office; Ligzon, bookkeeper; Bennett, daguerotypist, and other "Union" men are acting as special guides to the demons who hold reign in Alexandria.

BALTIMORE, May 28.—An officer bearing Chief Justice Taney's attachment for contempt of Court against Gen. Cadwalader, was not admitted into Fort McHenry.

RICHMOND, May 28.—Ex-Governor Wise has been commissioned by President Davis to raise a legion in Virginia. Several companies have already enlisted to serve under him.

Gen. Lee and Staff are now at Manassas Gap. The Confederate troops are making extensive preparations, and anticipate a grand attack. A large force of Federal troops hold possession of Hampton. It is supposed they will march down to Richmond.

LOCKING NEW ENGLAND.—We are glad to see that the Confederate Congress adopted the wise measure of prohibiting, by a special enactment, the exportation of any cotton by way of the Northwestern railroads and rivers.

The news of the invasion of Virginia has given a stimulus to the military spirit in South Carolina. Five Regiments have already offered themselves. They are ready and equipped, and will move at once.

The most civilized Indians on the continent are the Choctaws. They are generally wealthy; in fact their average wealth is greater than that of the people of any State in the Union.

TO THE LADIES.—There is one way among others, in which the ladies of North Carolina can render very material service at this time, namely: by the contribution of home-made woolen socks.

PRESIDENT DAVIS IN GOLDSBORO.

Gen. Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, passed through this place last night en route for Virginia.

On the arrival of the cars, hundreds of people crowded around the coach he was in, anxious to get the first glimpse of "our President."

Having appeared upon the platform and being introduced to the crowd by Col. D. K. McRae, he made a few remarks (which we did not hear on account of not being able to get in hearing distance.)

After having arrived upon the platform he again made a few remarks, in which he referred to the unanimity with which North Carolina went out of the Lincoln Union, and the unanimity with which she went into the Southern Confederacy.

RICHMOND, May 30.—His Excellency the President, arrived in Richmond this morning. The President was received at Petersburg by Governor Letcher and the Executive Council of the State.

THE EXISTING LEGISLATURE.—We believe that there is a general opinion that the existing Legislature of this State should not again assemble. The fact seems to be realized almost universally, that if reassembled, it will not only inflict a dead loss on the State of some five hundred and fifty dollars a day while it sits, but pass all sorts of bills which the Convention will have reason to revise, modify, or repeal.

TEXAS CROPS.—The Galveston News, of the 18th ult., says: "Mr. James E. Harrison, one of the Texas Commissioners to the Indian Nation, reports the crops there in the most flourishing condition." We are much gratified to find in all our State exchanges such glowing accounts of the prospects of the crops of corn, wheat, barley and other small grain.

On the 6th, the editor of the Seguin Confederacy was shown a stalk of cotton measuring over a foot in height, and with twelve full formed squares out. It was from Mr. W. Stafford's farm, near Seguin.

SPIES IN THE SOUTH.—We find the following in the Charleston Courier: "Lincoln has his agents in every Southern locality, and a strict lookout should be kept for them. Strangers especially, no matter how pacific their pretences on which they profess to come, should be closely watched, and, if necessary, prevented from leaving."

JUDGE CAMPBELL AND SECRETARY SEWARD.—We are glad to see, says the Fayetteville Observer, that Judge Campbell's letters exposing Seward's shameful duplicity in regard to Fort Sumter are having some effect upon the North.

STATE OF N. CAROLINA, MECKLENBURG CO. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—April Term, 1861. J. A. Estes vs. J. M. Strail, James Collis, Jr., and Joseph Lovell.

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HOW THE N. Y. REGIMENT BEHAVED IN THE MEXICAN WAR.—The Charleston Mercury says: "It was the *non dit* in the army, that Barnot, of the New York regiment, wrote to Gen. Shields, saying: 'You have, in your report, done injustice to the New York regiment.'"

NORTH CAROLINA ITEMS.

Gov. Ellis acknowledges the receipt of a donation of two hundred dollars from "a friend of North Carolina," in Charlotte. The money has been deposited in the public treasury.

MORE TROOPS.—Five hundred and fifty Volunteers, from Wilkes, Surry, Union, and perhaps other Western counties, passed by this place yesterday, for the seat of war.—Greensboro Patriot, of Friday.

Dr. Charles E. Johnson, of Raleigh, has received the commission of Surgeon General in the army of North Carolina.

CROPS.—We have now what is called good weather, though the mornings are rather cool—but this may be attributed to the prevalence of flux throughout the country. The wheat crop is turning out finely, and with a good season the corn will doubtless turn out as well.—Shelby Eagle.

MAJ. W. J. CLARKE.—Amongst the arrivals lately at Raleigh, the friends of Maj. W. J. Clark will be pleased to find his name recorded. Maj. Clark ranks as Captain in the Confederate Army, with the additional rank of brevet Major.

A RIDE.—A man named Lewis Harrison was rode on a rail, last week, in Washington, N. C., for having said that a portion of our volunteers were Lincolnites.

PERCUSSION CAPS.—We learn that Messrs. Elias & Coles, of Charlotte, have on hand 145,000 percussion caps, French manufacture, G. D., which they will sell at 45 cents per thousand. The State ought to secure them at once, and also give an order to Mr. Kuester, of this place, to manufacture caps as rapidly as possible.—Rat Standard.

STAY LAW.—The Stay Law passed at the extra session of the Legislature is very unpopular. There are several petitions in circulation here, praying its repeal, or modification so as not to impair the rights and interests of creditors.

A VALUABLE HINT.—Official communications should be addressed to the officer, not to the person holding the office. Thus: letters should be addressed "Adjutant General of North Carolina," "Adjutant General of State troops," "Quartermaster General," "Commissary General of Subsistence," "Chief of Ordnance and Engineers," &c.

YADKIN COUNTY, N. C., May 25. To the Editor of the Salisbury Watchman: I notice in the last issue of the Watchman an editorial referring to Adj. Gen. Hoke's order, striking from the rolls the name of Col. Caleb Bohanan.

CHEESE.—We beg leave to call the attention of the farmers of Orange, Alamance, Guilford, Randolph, Chatham, Forsyth, Stokes and the middle and western counties of North Carolina generally, to the vast field of profit and usefulness opened to them by the prospective exclusion of Northern cheese from the South.

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THE FEMALE ORGANIZATION is often as frail as that of a tender flower. Many of the sex enter into marriage relations without being able to undergo the labors and trials of Maternity. In this country, thousands of young and beautiful women are sacrificed every year from this cause alone.

RATES OF POSTAGE.

The law which went into operation on the first of June, requires prepayment in money for the necessary stamps and stamped envelopes can be procured, at the rate of five cents per letter, weighing not more than half an ounce, for any distance not exceeding two hundred miles, and five cents additional for every hundred miles or fraction of an ounce over five hundred miles.

HOOPS ON DUTY.—The Kentucky ladies are up to snuff. If any one doubts it, we refer to the following, recently written to the Cincinnati Enquirer: As Abolition Republicans are frightened at the shadow of a ghost, as was Lieutenant Jones at Harper's Ferry, and Commander Pendegast at Norfolk, the proof of which is now historic record, let such men know that a fierce and bloody re-contre awaits them, when I tell you that over 200 of the finest Colt's revolvers I ever saw have been purchased in Cincinnati, at various times and places, within the last two weeks.

FROM JAPAN.—We learn that the Japanese are assassinating all the foreigners in the country that they can catch, the latest victim being Mr. Hueskin, the American Secretary of Legation and Interpreter. The English, French and Dutch Ministers have hauled down their flags and left Jeddo for a place of safety.

B. R. SMITH & CO., (SUCCESSORS TO J. B. F. BOOSE.) WHOLESALE AND RETAIL DEALERS IN BOOTS AND SHOES, Leather, Calf-Skins and Shoe-Findings, CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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B. R. SMITH & CO., ARE receiving a choice stock of Boots and Shoes of the best quality (warranted) which they will sell at LOW PRICES FOR CASH.

We are authorized to announce W. K. REID as a candidate for re-election to the office of County Clerk of Mecklenburg county. Election on the first Thursday in August, May 14, 1861.

We are requested to announce J. B. KERR as a candidate for re-election to the office of Superior Court Clerk of Mecklenburg county. May 14, 1861.

"To our Customers." We would say to our prompt-paying customer that we propose to Continue the Credit Business, And, to enable us to do so, we MUST have a CASH SETTLEMENT OF ALL PRIOR CLAIMS.

FISHER & BIRKHOUGH'S. May 21, 1861. 1m

TOWN TAXES. THE Tax Lists for the year 1861 are now laid hands for collection. Tax-payers will please take notice, and hold themselves in readiness to pay.

STATE OF N. CAROLINA, MECKLENBURG CO. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—April Term, 1861. Jefferson Berryhill and others, vs. Thomas P. Berryhill and others.

NOTICE.—It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the defendants in this case, Thomas P. Berryhill and wife, David Emberson and wife Adaline, James Emberson and wife Esther, and the heirs at law of Susan Baker, dec'd, are not residents of North Carolina, and reside beyond the limits thereof, it is therefore ordered by said Court that publication be made in the Watchman of this case, in conformity to law, notifying said defendants to be and appear before the Justices of the Peace and Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, at the next Court to be held for said county, on the 4th Monday of July next, then and there to plead, answer or demur, or judgment pro confesso will be taken as to them.