

RESIGNATION OF MR. JOHNSTON.—It will be seen by the following card that Wm. Johnston, Esq., one of the representatives in the State Convention from this county, resigns that position.

To the Friends of Mecklenburg County: Having accepted a position in the Military Department of the State, and apprehending that the Convention may sit longer than anticipated, I hereby resign my seat in that body to my fellow citizens who so generously bestowed it.

Mr. Johnston's resignation was read in the Convention Monday, and is to take effect on Saturday next, on which day, we are authorized to say, an election will be held in this county to supply the vacancy—the Governor having issued an order to that effect.

Editor of Western Democrat: At the suggestion of prominent citizens of this county, I take the liberty of offering the name of Dr. P. C. Caldwell to be voted for by the friends of the county of Mecklenburg to fill the vacancy created in the Convention of this State in consequence of the resignation of Wm. Johnston, Esq.

FAST DAY.—Remember that next Thursday is the day appointed by President Davis to be observed in fasting and prayer. For one time at least let every body observe the day and pray for the success of the Southern cause.

THE CONVENTION.—In addition to the proceedings published on the 2nd page, we learn that the Convention has resolved to elect ten members to the Southern Congress—two from the State at large and one from each Congressional District.

THE PERMANENT CONSTITUTION OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES was adopted by a unanimous vote. The demagogical movement of Mr. Dick, to have it submitted to a vote of the people, was voted down by a large majority.

POLICE.—We think the acting Mayor, Robt. F. Davidson, Esq., and the Town Marshal, Mr. Robison, deserve much credit for the good order of the town and the prompt manner in which they have performed their duties.

THE NEWS.—We give elsewhere the various reports from the seat of war. The telegraphic reports are conflicting and contradictory, and are generally unreliable, especially those coming from Washington city.

THE KING'S MOUNTAIN GREYS.—This fine company, from Gaston county, passed through us on Tuesday last for Raleigh. It was composed of men who will make good soldiers, and give a good account of themselves on the battle-field.

THE LEGISLATURE, it will be remembered, adjourned to meet on the 25th of June. Several of our State exchanges have already suggested that there was no necessity for the Legislature to reassemble, and as a matter of economy it ought not to meet again.

THE VIGILANCE COMMITTEE OF ASHEVILLE, N. C., have notified the Postmaster at that place not to deliver any more copies of the Knoxville Whig from the Post Office, but to return them to the publisher.

APPOINTMENTS.—Last week we made some remarks in reply to charges that only political favorites were appointed to office by Gov. Ellis. The Greensboro Patriot had said "that in making appointments but little regard is paid to fitness or qualification, the main question being 'is he a Democrat?'"

THE SMALL CAPITALS, or our own. This was the language of the Standard of the 5th, and we were glad to see it, because we thought the circumstances justified it.

WHERE WAS IT?—Mr. Robert Ramsey, living five miles west of Mt. Mourne, Iredeed county, reports that on Sunday morning, the 26th May, between 8 and 10 o'clock, he heard repeated discharges of cannon in an easterly direction, which from his house, would be towards Salisbury.

ANOTHER LETTER FROM MR. VALLANDIGHAM.—The Hon. C. L. Vallandigham, member of Congress from the Dayton District in Ohio, has written a letter giving his opinion, at the solicitation of some of his constituents, on the present state of affairs.

THE WAR HAS MANY MOTIVES for its commencement; it can have but one result, whether it last one year or fifty years—final eternal separation, disunion. As for the conquest and subjugation of the South, I will not impeach the intelligence of any man among you, by assuming that you dream of it as at any time or in any way possible.

THE LINCOLN PROGRAMME.—The N. Y. Tribune sketches Lincoln's plan for subjugating the South thus: "We are determined on restoring the Federal authority in all the rebellious States, and have started to carry our national flag in triumph from the Potomac and the Ohio southward to the Gulf, and westward to the Rio Grande."

DISPENSED WITH.—In all the public speeches and discussions throughout the South, we are gratified to see that the negro question is dispensed with—not talked about. This is right.

THE SALTIBURY WATCHMAN says: "There seems to be little or no difference of opinion here as regards the extra session of the Legislature appointed to be held on the 25th of this month. No one sees the necessity for it, inasmuch as the Convention is to be adjourned on the 15th."

DEATH OF MR. DOUGLAS.—The Hon. Stephen A. Douglas died at Chicago on the 3d inst. Mr. Douglas was a great statesman and possessed a gigantic intellect—he had faults like other men, but was never a bad man.

PATRIOTIC.—An officer who was in the service of the late United States, but now in the southern service, publishes a card to his brother officers in the Confederate States, proposing that they all agree to a reduction of their salaries and thus assist the Government in prosecuting the war against our enemies.

WE ARE WELL FORTIFIED, and ready for the enemy, who, we learn, is in great strength at Newport News, a little place 24 miles below, on James River. Rapine, murder, and confiscation mark their track; but the day of vengeance is at hand, when virtue, justice and humanity will be vindicated.

OUR SICK MEN are getting well. We have had no very serious cases of sickness as yet. When anything of interest transpires, you will hear again from SOUTHRON.

THE STAY LAW. There seems to be much dissatisfaction manifested among our people on account of this Act, and its repeal is loudly advocated by not a few. Now this law is doubtless an example, like thousands of others of imperfect legislation, but of its beneficent intention in this crisis of affairs, I think few can entertain a doubt.

GOING TO THE WAR.—About two thousand troops from South Carolina and Georgia passed through this place last week for the seat of war—mostly from South Carolina. They were a hardy looking set of men and will play havoc with the Lincolnites as soon as opportunity offers.

STATE TROOPS.—Capt. J. M. Miller, of this town, has completed his company of Cavalry. It is, we think, the first Cavalry company organized under the late act for raising 10,000 enlisted troops.

THE PUBLIC IS HERELY NOTIFIED not to trade for four Notes executed by and under the signature of Andrew Winter for One Thousand Dollars each, dated in 1860, the first payable the 1st of August, 1860; the second the 1st of August, 1861; the third the 1st of August, 1862, and the fourth the 1st of August, 1863.

PROPOSALS will be received at the Quartermaster General's office until Saturday evening the 15th of June, for furnishing to the State of North Carolina the following articles for the use of the troops of the State: 15,000 Gray Felt Hats of light material, the body of the hat to be 1 1/2 inches less in circumference than the crown than the hat when worn up on the right side with a large gilt button of North Carolina pattern.

THE MARKET IS PRETTY WELL SUPPLIED with provisions of all kinds. Flour has declined to \$2 80 to \$3 per sack. Wheat, white, \$1 10; Red \$1 per bushel. Bacon remains at former quotations. But little Cotton offering. A few bales were sold at 10 to 10 1/2.

YORKTOWN, VA., June 1st, 1861. Mr. Editor: Col. Magruder, commander of this post, left yesterday for some unknown destination, and consequently our Colonel, Hill, is in temporary command of the forces here.

WE HAVE HAD SEVERAL FALSE ALARMS, which brought the Regiment into battle array, and yesterday Col. Magruder gave us marching orders towards the enemy. After proceeding about four miles, we received orders to return.

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RICHTON, June 6.—We received the news of a sharp and brilliant fight, which occurred on Monday last, near a place called Phillipi, in Barbours county, in the North-western part of the State.

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WE ARE REQUESTED to say that any of our country friends who wish to contribute provisions for the purpose of feeding the soldiers who are constantly passing through this town in large numbers, may deposit the same at the store of Elias & Cohen.

A CORRESPONDENT of the New York Herald says that Gen. Wallbridge of New York has been to Washington urging the Government to accept 500,000 volunteers as to crush out "rebellion" in the Southern States.

THE RETURNS (official) from Western Virginia, give an aggregate majority in favor of the Ordinance of Secession in that section of 31,000.

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA, Executive Department, June 6, 1861.—I have understood that many good people have been remitting funds to creditors in Northern States.

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