

Western Democrat.

CHARLOTTE, N. C.

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THE NEWS.

It appears that many of the Northern papers are dissatisfied with the surrender of Messrs Mason and Slidell.

The enemy at Port Royal, S. C., attempted an advance movement on Wednesday last, for the purpose of getting possession of the Charleston & Savannah Railroad.

Important items will be found in our news columns. Several vessels have run the blockade within the last 8 or 10 days—a British steamer came in on Saturday.

RIXING.—On the 1st January, at this place, negro men hired at from \$20 to \$120—not many at the latter figure.

THE LAW AGAINST SPECULATION.—In another column we publish the Ordinance passed by the North Carolina Convention for the purpose of preventing oppressive speculation.

WHY THEY DO NOT ADVANCE.—As a reason why the enemy does not advance on Manassas, it is said that Gen. McClellan is waiting until the time of enlistment of many of the Southern volunteers expires, expecting that they will not re-enlist for the war.

POWNER.—We learn that the Powder Mill, now being erected near this place, will soon be in operation.

THE PROSPECT.—The following encouraging and truthful remarks are from the Richmond Examiner:

The affairs of the South look more prosperous at the present juncture than they have done since the commencement of the war. Never before was the character of our people so well understood abroad as at this moment.

At home our situation is far from discouraging. We have not lost a battle, and have repeatedly defeated the enemy with large odds against us.

The Hon. Warren Winslow of Cumberland county has resigned his seat in the State Convention.

The donations sent to Charleston for the relief of the sufferers by fire, amounted to \$160,000 at the last report.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The President (Lincoln) has nominated to the Senate a H. Foster, of North Carolina, to be Marshal for that District.

THE FEDERALISTS AT PORT ROYAL.—The Lincolnites at Port Royal and on the coast of South Carolina have not found it as pleasant as they anticipated.

A SPUNKY MAN.—As mean an abolitionist as Senator Hale is, he appears to have more sense of honor than most of the trash who control affairs at Washington.

It is reported that Messrs Slidell and Mason have been delivered up. What will the Yankees now do with Capt. Wilkes for bringing upon them so much humiliation?

MOB LAW AND VIGILANCE COMMITTEES.—Our friends of the Fayetteville Observer say they are sorry to hear us say that we would oppose the execution of a sentence of a Court like that inflicted on certain persons in Rutherford county, by Judge French, for arresting a suspicious character.

THE FOLLOWING ARTICLE, from the Raleigh Standard, is timely and sensible:

COTTON FABRICS.—Before the war, spunk cotton was selling at from 90 cents to \$1.10 per bush and ordinary cotton cloth at 8 to 10 cents per yard.

LINCOLN CONGRESS.—A resolution was introduced into the Lincoln Senate to expel Hon. Jesse D. Bright, of Indiana, who is accused of being a secessionist.

A NEW FLAG.—All the Regiments at Manassas have been presented with a new battle flag.

THE RICHMOND THEATRE, and one adjoining building, was burnt on Thursday morning last.

THE CHARLOTTE DEMOCRAT, speaking of the resignation of Judge Biggs and Mr. Patterson, as members of the Convention says: "Judge Biggs ought to have resigned long ago; he holds a commission from the Confederate Government as a Judge, and never had any right to a seat in the Convention according to the common-sense meaning of the law."

REFORM NEEDED.—We are gratified to see that the Richmond papers are rebuking the delinquencies of the Clerks in the various Departments at Richmond.

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CONFEDERATE VICTORY IN THE WEST. Memphis, January 3.—A despatch has been received from Little Rock, containing official intelligence from the North-west, that Col. McIntosh, in command of four regiments, had fought with Oplethlyolo, the Indian chief, seventy-five miles North-west of Fort Gibson, on the 26th, which lasted four hours, and resulted in the total rout of the enemy, who lost two hundred killed, wounded and missing, and one hundred taken prisoners.

FROM THE NORTH. Norfolk, January 3.—Northern papers to the 2d inst. have been received at the office of the Norfolk Day Book.

IMPORTANT ARRIVAL. New Orleans, Jan. 4.—A British steamer has arrived in a Confederate port, bringing a large quantity of munitions of war and other valuable articles.

MEMPHIS, Jan. 1.—Gen. Pillow resigned at Columbus yesterday, and has gone home.

NASHVILLE, Jan. 2.—Gen. Johnston has called on the Provisional Government of Kentucky for 30,000 men, to serve one or three years.

A DANGEROUS NEGRO.—On Thursday last, Mr. D. McBride, residing in South Carolina, near the North Carolina line, was killed by a negro under the following circumstances:

MARRIED. In this town, on the 21st inst. at the residence of Dr. J. M. Miller, by Rev. J. C. Culmner, Mr. James Howie to Miss Jane C. Lee.

WORDS FOR THE TIMES. At the close of the old year it is competent for each man to review his conduct, and to know what his standing before his fellows, as regards his social duties; may see wherein his business arrangements have been at fault; and hence, what changes are necessary that he may shape his course safely for the future.

ONE HUNDRED HOUSES OF REBELS BURNED.—We have received an interesting letter from our special correspondent with the army of the West. A terrible and devastating guerilla warfare has commenced in that portion of Missouri adjoining Kansas.

FIGHTING ON THE S. C. COAST. COOSAWHATCHIE, Jan. 2.—Yesterday the enemy landed six miles below Port Royal Ferry, under cover of their guns of several steamers, marched under their cover and effected a lodgement on the main land at the Ferry. In the attempt to advance they were driven back under their guns, where they are fortifying. There were 15 killed and wounded on our side. The loss of the enemy was about the same. One of the Yankee Sergeants was captured.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 2.—Fighting on the Coast began yesterday. 3,500 of the enemy landed on the mainland, near Port Royal Ferry, and were met with the bayonet by two Regiments, when the Yankees fled precipitately, throwing down their arms, and were driven to their boats. The boat howitzers opened fire, killing 6 and wounding 12 Carolinians. The enemy's loss was about the same. To-day the enemy landed in much larger force at the same place. Gen. Gregg's Brigade has fallen back a short distance, to an eligible position. The pickets were skirmishing all day. The enemy design an attack on the railroad and cannot avoid a battle.

DIVIDENDS.—The Bank of Fayetteville has declared a semi-annual dividend of 4 per cent. The Bank of Clarendon, 5 per cent.

A fire in Washington city consumed a Government stable, together with 200 horses and a large quantity of army harness, &c.

Cholera is making great ravages in India. At Caupoore the natives are the principal victims. At Kanadadar eight thousand people died in eight days.

Charlotte Market, Jan. 6, 1862. 875 bales of Cotton were sold last week at prices ranging from 67 to 73. We are authorized to say that 8 cents would be paid for strictly good middlings.

Selling off. The largest stock of WALL PAPER, WINDOW SHADINGS, CORDS, TASSELS, &c., in the State, must be sold in 90 days, and made answer for other purposes.

Notice to Creditors. The co-partnership existing between the undersigned expires by limitation on the 1st January, 1862, but has been extended indefinitely for the purpose of closing up our business.

A CARD To our Friends. For the purpose of settling our outstanding business to this date, our firm will change its style on the 1st day of January, 1862, to WILLIAMS & OATES, who will continue the business at the old stand of the subscribers.