

Western Democrat. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Tuesday, April 21, 1863.

Mecklenburg County Court was in session last week. Nothing of public importance was transacted...

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THE PROSPECT.—If the people of the Confederate States will put their surplus food on the market and sell it at a fair remunerating price, and thus assist in sustaining our armies, the time is not far distant when our enemies will be forced to make peace and acknowledge the independence of the Confederacy.

IN VIEW OF THESE FACTS, does it not seem to be the best policy, even in a pecuniary point of view, for every one who has more corn, flour and meat than is necessary for his own use until next Fall, to sell it to the Government or put it on the market to supply the demands of the public at large?

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PUBLIC MEETING.

In accordance with notice given, the citizens of Mecklenburg county, at least a goodly number of them, assembled at the Court-House in Charlotte on the 17th instant, when, on motion of J. A. Fox, Esq., the Hon. J. W. Osborne was requested to take the Chair, and E. H. Britton and W. J. Yates ordered to act as Secretaries.

The meeting having been organized, the Chairman explained in a few remarks its object, and called upon Maj. Carrington, of the U. S. Army, who was present, to inform us as regards the condition of our armies in Virginia and North Carolina; whereupon

At the close of Major Carrington's remarks, Gen. John A. Young being called for, addressed the meeting in his usual felicitous and effective manner, and moved that a Committee of three be appointed by the Chair, in each Captain's Beat in the county, to canvass, ascertain and collect what provisions and forage they may be able to gather for the army, and report to a Central Committee of three, also to be appointed by the Chair.

The Chair then put the question to vote and the resolution was unanimously carried. On motion it was Resolved, That the proceedings be published in the papers of the town.

On motion, the meeting then adjourned. J. W. OSBORNE, Ch'n. E. H. BRITTON, Sec'y. W. J. YATES, Sec'y.

THE CHAIRMAN appointed the following named gentlemen to act as the Central Committee, viz: Gen. J. A. Young, Col. L. S. Williams, Wm. F. Phiper, W. J. Yates and John L. Brown.

THE SUB-COMMITTEES, appointed by the Central Committee are as follows: Morning Star Beat—Arthur Grier, Robt Mevin, Col Zebulon Morris. Crab Orchard—Wm McCombs, E C Wallis, Williamson Wallace. Clear Creek—Robt Simpson, John R Morris, John M W Flow.

PAW CREEK.—Richard Rozzell, G W McDonald, M M Moore. Steel Creek—Wm M Grier, John M Potts, A R Erwin. Berryhills.—Samuel B Hill, Dr J M Strong, N B Taylor. Charlotte.—Beat No. 1: John L Springs, U T Alexander, P M Brown. Beat No. 2: John P Ross, A A Kennedy, C L Torrence.

THE COMPANIES of the District Committees: The accompanying list of Committees has been appointed by the Central Committee of the county of Mecklenburg, for each Captain's District, because each one of them is known to be zealous, active and self-sacrificing in the support of the Confederacy, and because it is confidently believed that each man thus appointed will at once devote himself to the duties devolving upon him.

STOCKS.—In Richmond, on Saturday last, Confederate Bonds (15,000,000 loan) sold for 147, and Bonds of the 100,000,000 loan at 104 1/2 to 110 1/2. In Raleigh, N. C., Confederate Bonds 106 1/2 to 130. North Carolina Bonds 132 to 135.

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LATEST NEWS.

FROM WASHINGTON, N. C.—We learned from passengers who came up the N. C. River on Sunday evening, that Gen. Hill had fallen back on Washington: that Yankee gun-boats had succeeded in passing our batteries conveying provisions to the army, and therefore our forces withdrew. If Gen. Hill's movements were for the purpose of capturing the town, he has failed, (if he reported withdrawal to us,) but it is not to be supposed that the Yankee force has succeeded in his object. But the latest news from that section further than that the Yankee force had attempted to reinforce Washington by land from Newbern was defeated and driven back by Pettigrew's brigade.

FROM SUFFOLK, Va.—We have been unable to gather any information of the movements of our troops in the immediate vicinity of Suffolk, other than that already given. The Northern accounts say that Confederate forces were approaching Suffolk last Monday by several roads, but that they were not then surrounded, and also that they had received reinforcements.

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On the 24th instant, in Gibsonville, Guilford county, Dr. Jas T F Cummings of Alamance, to Miss Laura Ann Frances, daughter of Rev J D Schick, in Rowan county, and the late Mr Geo B Pennington of Davie county, to Miss Emma B Swink.

In Raleigh, on the 19th inst, Capt Geo B Baker of Fayetteville, to Miss Kate D, daughter of the late Henry W Miller, Esq.

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