# Hestern

Democrat.

OFFICE SIDE OF TRADE STREET

CHARACTER IS AS IMPORTANT TO STATES AS IT IS TO INDIVIDUALS; AND THE GLORY OF THE ONE IS THE COMMON PROPERTY

\$5 per annum - IN ADVANCE

W. J. TATES, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR

CHARLOTTE, N. C., TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 1863.

VOLUME --- NUMBER 588.

# THE

Published every Tuesday, WILLIAM J. YATES, EDITOR AND PROPRIETOR.

\$5 IN ADVANCE.

charged accordingly,

AN ACT IN RELATION TO THE MILITIA AND A GUARD FOR HOME DEFENCE.

by the authority of the same, That the exemptions Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions-July Term, 1863. from service in the Militia of the State, shall be for the Jane A. Wallace vs. the Heirs-at-Law of William same causes, and to the same extent and no farther, that are prescribed in the acts of Congress of the Conates, providing for the enrollment of men

duty of the Governor to cause to be enrolled as a guard nave been residents in the State for thirty days before such enrolment, excepting persons filling the offices of Governor, Judges of the Supreme and Superior Courts of Law and Equity, the members of the General Assembly and the officers of the several Departments of the Government of the State, Ministers of the Gospel of the Gospel of the State charged with the duties of churches, and such other persons as the duties of churches, and such other persons as the Governor, for special reasons, may deem proper State of N. Carolina-Mecklenburg Co.

guard for home defence, and shall be accepted by a Captain of a company for the same, shall be deemed to Petition for settlement of the estate of David Chambelong thereto, and shall be held to service therein, either generally or for any special duty or expedition as the commanding officers of regiments or companies,

Sec. 5. Be it further enacted, That members of the heard ex parte as to them. Society of Friends, commonly called Quakers, may be Witness, Wm, Maxwell, clerk of our said court, as sum of one hundred dollars according to an ordinance of the Convention of this State in that behalf, ratified the 12th day of May, 1862. Provided that when a the sum of five hundred dollars under the act of Congress and Quarter Sessions—August Term, 1863.

gress called the conscription law aforesaid, he shall C L Hunter, adm'r of John Riley, vs. Jesse Riley, Wm. not be required to pay any sum of money for his ex-

he may direct, and the infantry and artillery may be them. mounted if he shall so determine, the men furnishing Witness, W. D. Glenn, Clerk of our said Court a their own borses and accourrements and arms, when office in Dallas the 2d Monday in August A. D. 1863. approved by the Governor, on such terms as he shall

Sec. 7. Be it further enacted. That the Governor may furnish to said troops the arms, accontrements and ammunition of the State when called at aforesaid into active service, and shall prescribe rules for their return and to prevent the waste, destruction or loss of the

in force from the date of its ratification. [Ratified the 7th day of July, 1863.]

Cotton Cards for sale, but an early call will only se-day in August A. D., 1862. cure a pair as we only have ten pair. We have on hand and can make to order calf-skin Shoes and Gaiters of very fine English leather. Lots ladies' calf-skin Bootees.

Lot of thick Brogans, large sizes. J. F. BUTT, Mint Street, Charlotte, N. C.

# JUST RECEIVED.

BLACK ALPACCA. BLUE FLANNELS. SPOOL COTTON-black and white. BLEACHED SHIRTING.

June 23, 1863 tf

#### Copartnership, WILLIAMS & OATES

The style of the firm will hereafter be WILLIAMS, OATES & CO.

NOTICE. -All persons indebted to the late firm of Williams & Oates will please call and settle up, as we wish to close our old business.

WILLIAMS & OATES. Dec 9, 1862

# Charlotte, N. C.,

Feb. 25, 1862.

# The History of North Carolina,

Published in 1851 by the undersigned, in its preface appointment. point out any errors in the dates, names or facts in the in a former advertisement. Up to that time, however, without a fight. The hand of God is visible in this. sketch of those who have done service in the field or Patriotic citizens are now offered an opportunity to

Letters may be sent-to me, care of Hon. D. L. Swain. than to private capitalists, JOHN H. WHEELER. Chapel Hill, N. C., June 4th, 1863.

State of N. Carolina-Mecklenburg Co. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions-July Term, 1863. Alexander Grier, administrator of Thomas H. Grier,

dec'd, vs. John M. Grier and others. Petition for settlement of the estate of Thomas H.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that Grier and William W. Grier, two of the defendants in this case, reside beyond the limits of this State, It is therefore ordered by the Court that publiation be made for six successive weeks in the Western Democrat, a newspaper published in the town of Charlotte, notifying said defendants to be and appear Transient advertisements must be paid for in at the next term of this court to be held for the county of Meckfenburg at the Court-House in Charlotte on Der Advertisements not marked on the manuscript the 2d Monday in October next then and there to plead, or a specific time, will be inserted until forbid, and answer or demur to the petition, or judgment pro confess will be taken, and the same heard ex parte as to

> Witness, Wm. Maxwell, Clerk of our said Court at office in Charlotte the 2d Monday in July, A. D. 1863. WM. MAXWELL, Clerk.

# Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of State of N. Carolina-Mctklenburg Co.

Wallace, deceased. Petition for Dower. In this case it appearing to the satisfaction of the for the public defence and granting exemptions from Court that William Kelough and wife Mary, heirs-atlaw of Wm Wallace, deceased, are non-residents of this

State. It is therefore ordered and adjudged that publifor home defence all white male persons not already weeks, notifying Wm. Relough and wife Mary, to be entolled in the service of the Confederate States, beentrolled in the service of the Confederate States, be-tween the ages of eighteen and fifty years, resident in this State, including foreigners not naturalized, who this State, including foreigners not naturalized, who have been residents in the State for thirty days before Monday in October next, then and there to show cause

Sec. 3. Be it further enacted, That all persons above Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions-July Term, 1863. cotton factory, which was worked by 300 of his the age of fifty, who may volunteer for service in said William Reid, exr. of David Chambers, dec'd, vs. John own hands. A railroad fhirty-one miles long, lead-Chambers and others.

It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the the nature of the particular service in defendants, John Chambers, Mariah E. Burless, Jas S Woodard, Daniel Tucker and Margaret C. his wife, and Sec. 4 Be it further enacted, That the Governor George Stewart and Harriet his wife, reside beyond shall cause all persons enrolled in pursuance of the the limits of this State, It is therefore ordered by the Gehee to prevent its falling into the hands of the ections of this act to be formed into Court that publication be made for six successive companies, with liberty to elect the commissioned offi- weeks in the Western Democrat, a newspaper published cers of such companies, and thence into battalions or in the town of Charlotte notifying said defendants to b regiments, brigades and divisions according to his dis- and appear at the next term of this Court, to be held cretion, and he shall appoint the field officers of such for the county of Mecklenburg at the court-house in regiments, brigades and divisions, and Charlotte on the 2d Monday in October next, then and The called meeting of this Company met in this shall issue commissions in due form to all the officers there to plead, answer or demur to the petition, or judgment pro confesso will be taken and the same

exempled from the provision of this act by paying the office in Charlotte the 2d Monday in July, A. D. 1863. WM. MAXWELL, C. C. C.

#### State of North Carolina-Gaston Co. have paid or had levied of his property Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions-August Term, 1863. Riley, John Riley, and Robert Riley.

Petition for settlement of the estate of John Riley. Sec. 6. That the said guards for home defence may It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that be called out for service by the Governor in defence of the said Jesse Riley, Wm. Riley, John Riley, and Robt the State against invasion and to suppress invasion, Riley, defendants in this case, reside beyond the limits either by regiments, battalions, or companies; en masse, of this State. It is therefore ordered by the Court that or by drafts or volunteers from the same, as he, in his publication be made for six successive weeks in the discretion may direct; shall be under his command, Western Democrat, a paper published in the town of through the officers appointed as herein provided: Charlotte, notifying said defendants that they be and shall serve only within the limits of this State, and in appear at the next term of this Court to be held for the terms of duty to be prescribed by the Governor, not county of Gaston at the Court-House in Dallas, on the exceeding three months at one term. They, or so many 7th Monday after the 4th Monday in September next, be at any one time called into service, then and there to plead, answer, or demur to this pe may be organized into infantry, artillery or cavalry as tition, or judgment pro confesso will be taken against

W. D. GLENN, Clerk.

#### State of N. Carolina-Union County. Superior Court of Law-Fall Term, 1862.

F. L. Wyatt vs. Union Mining Company. . . It appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Sec. 8. Be it further enacted. That all laws and defendants reside beyond the limits of this State and nant denial to the report that a petition had been ology admits of ambiguity, we are inclined to beview of this act be, and the same are hereby repealed, fore it is ordered by the Court that publication be Sec. 9. Be it further enacted. That the commissions made for six successive weeks in the Western Demoof officers of the Militia, called into service by this act, crat, that they be and appear at the next Term of the are suspended only during the period of such service. Superior Court of Law to be held for the county of day after the 4th Monday in August 1863, to answer, plead or demur, or judgment pro confesso will be taken against the Defendants and the case set for hearing.

COTTON CARDS AND SHOES. at office in Monroe the 10th Monday after the 4th Mon- held on the body, and life pronounced extinct.

W. H. SIMPSON, Clerk.

#### EDGEWORTH FEMALE SEMINARY. Greensboro, N. C. The fall session of this Institution will commence on

TERMS FOR THE SESSION OF 20 WEEKS :- Board, including washing, lights, fuel, &c , \$226; English Tuition, \$30; Music on the Piano, Harp or-Guitar, \$30; Vocal quired the cause of the gleomy preparations he Music, \$12 50; Oil Paining, \$30; Drawing, \$12 50; saw going on. The joy of his wife and little ones tening. Grecian Painting, \$15; Aucient and Modern Lan- can be imagined when they found the dead had guages, each \$12 50.

For further particulars apply to RICHARD STERLING, Principal.

# TANNERY.

We have a Tannery in fall operation about six miles | friends. Have this day associated with them in the Mercantile from Charlotte, on the C. & S. C. Raliroad line. It is a and Commission business. LEWIS W. SANDERS, first-class Tannery, and we are prepared to purchase, at market prices. Hides of all descriptions, and supply the trade at current prices.

A. H. GRIFFITH, C. E. BELL.

BLANK DEEDS, Warrants, Ejectments, &c, for sale at this Office.

#### Printing promptly executed to order. TO COTTON PLANTERS.

Has resumed the Practice of Medicine, and can be Treasury, Chief Agent for the purchase of Cotton for

Sub-Agents visiting the different parts of the State, tuying in my came, will have written certificates of

many imperfections. A second edition was then promised, which would remedy these defects. This is now called for. He will be grateful to any one who will contain the last day of March, 1863, will be paid for in 7 per afterwards to Gen. Smith, as if a sudden fear got a similar service.—Greensboro Patriot.

By order of the Secretary of the Treasury, all Cotracted to his tent, and there spent a time in prayer inseries for a less price that the authorities have on the platform, some praying for peace, and some praying for peace, and some to the throne of Grace. It seemed then, said he prototype, Judias Iscariot, for the performance of on the platform, some praying for peace, and some to the throne of Grace. It seemed then, said he prototype, Judias Iscariot, for the performance of on the platform, some praying for peace, and some to prototype, Judias Iscariot, for the performance of on the platform, some praying for peace, and some to prototype, Judias Iscariot, for the matter in hand, and we hope that the cursing the war: oalled for. He will be grateful to any one who will cent Bonds or Cash, and not 8 per cent Bonds as stated

aid the Government by selling to it their Cetton rather

Charlotte, March 24, 1863

#### Bemorrat. Western CHARLOTTE, N. C.

### NOTICE.

Our terms are five dollars per year in advance.-

Individual or local shinplasters will not be received. When sent to us they will be held subject to the sender's call, and not returned by letter.

bers at the expiration of the time for which it is paid war meetings, for their only effect upon the war is and experience; and we know the writer to be a Those who want to continue must renew before or atthe cz- to protract it are differently constituted, the par- man whose statements may be fully relied on.

THE FIGHT AT BERKELEY SPRINGS .- A few days since we published from Northern journals a brief account of an engagement at Berkeley Springs, Morgan county. We have since obtained some particulars from a Southern source .-Capt. Blackford, with a squad of men, numbering about twenty-five, attacked the enemy at 3 o'clock in the morning of the 8th inst., and routed them completely, capturing twenty-nine prisoners, one negro, sixty horses, and some three hundred navy pistols-all of which they succeeded in bringing off in safety. The prisoners had arrived at Staunton, en route for Richmond. The enemy's force at the time the attack was made is said to have cation be made in the Western Democrat, a paper pub- numbered some three hundred, but were taken by lished in the town of Charlotte, for six successive surprise, their pickets having been flanked .-Richmond Dispatch.

> We regret to learn that Col. J. A. J. Bradford of the 10th N. C. Regiment, (Artillery) died at

> We learn that Edmund McGehee, Esq., about eighty years of age, residing near Baton Rouge, La., has been stripped of his immense property by the Yankees. He owned 3,200 slaves and twentyseven cotton and sugar plantations, including a ing to his factory, had been constructed by himself, with a sufficient rolling stock. All the negroes, except about 100, have been taken off by the Federals, his factory ruined, all his plantations desolated, his railroad torn up and about 5,000 bags of cotton were burnt by the orders of Mr Mcenemy. His loss in negroes and cottton alone is not less than \$5,000,000.

WESTERN N. C. RAIL ROAD COMPANY .town on Friday last and organized and proceeded to business. Owing to a press of business, we sumption." Most likely, for men who are lying withstand the avenging hand of God and man. were unable to attend, but we learn the following out in the woods don't make anything, except gentlemen were cleeted Directors for the ensuing what is vulgarly called "a raise," by veiting the year, viz: A. Henderson, R. A. Caldwell, Jonas houses of defenceless women and children and car-Cline, J. C. McDowell. Directors on the part of the State, N. W. Woodfin, Jas. Cathey, B. S. Erwin, G. F. Davidson, Wm. Murphy, F. E. Shober. At a meeting of the Board, Dr. A. M. Powell was re-elected President, R. F. Simonton, Secretary and Treasurer, James Wilson, Engineer and Superintendent - Salisbury Watchman.

POLITICAL EXCITEMENT .- A Cincinnati correspondent of the Chicago Times, says a mass meeting of the Democracy took place at Mount Gilead, Ohio, on the 21st August, at which 20,-000 were present. It is computed that at least half a dozen mass conventions of each political party are being held in Ohio daily. A more vigorous campaign was never before known in Ohio. There is evident fear on the part of the Republicans of a defeat, while the Democracy are entirely sanguine of the election of Vallandigham by at least 30,000

present crisis. The leading citizens give an indig- prefixing the word honorable; but as this phrase-

A DEAD MAN COMES TO LIFE -The New Sec. 10. Be it further enacted. That this act shall be Union at the Court-House in Mouroe on the 8th Mon- Orleans Era of the 15th ult., chronicles a singular occurrence as follows: We yesterday reported that In witness W. H. Simpson, Clerk of our said Court | been killed by lightning. An inquest had been

> his funeral, his friends had assembled, the body been duly coffined, the relatives put on mourning. the hearse and the priest arrived, and the coffin was about to be closed up, when the arms of the corpse were observed to move, and very soon, wonderful to relate, the dead man sat bold upright in the coffin! After surveying the crowd he income to life, and the house of mourning was soon turned into a house of rejoicing—the funeral into meetings" are henest and sincere in their delibera- know to be so. Standing the other day in a Camp Vance, by a party of sixteen citizens, but a feast. The electric shock had suspended anima- tions, yet the slightest reflection should convince depot in Western North Carolina, as the train was did not succeed in their object, one of whom was tion for over 24 hours, so perfectly as to deceive them that never were men committing a more se- about leaving with some deserters for the army. I even the Coroner, the man's wife and all his rious blunder—an error, which if persisted in, will heard an old mother say to her son whom they being one of the party. Two militia officers were

AN ANECDOTE OF GEN. EWELL -In the fallen a people worthy of being freemen. course of the address by Governor Smith in synchburg, Va., recently, he told the following anecdote of Gen. Ewell:

praying and he could do the swearing, and that "peace"-whose fatal song courted the presence of we must perish." Said I, "Madam, your son is the two together could whip the devil. After the enemy-will suffer by his ravages and despoh- needed in the army; and unless our country is a County, but they were blasted by the teachings Gen. Ewell lost a leg, the light of the Gospel stions precisely the same as he whose breest is shell its benign influence over his spirit, and he now bared to the vandals on Virginia soil. These found at his Office in the Brawley building opposite to the Confederate Government within the State of North became a Christian. Under the influence of this are truths, and we doesn't not a positive to do? Not one pound of salt can we get for some in this our time of trouble. It is a picture Carolina, and will pay for the same in 7 per cent Bonds new feeling, he found the enemy heavily entrench people of the impending danger, and to caution love nor money; not a pound of meat nor a bushol ed at Winchester. He said that he felt averse to them in regard to adopting random resolutions, of corn will the people sell to us for our money; our readers, but necessity has compelled us to say exposing his "poor boys" to the deadly slaughter the great instigator of which would betray his and in the name of God finast we perish that the that something should have been done long since certain to result from an attack on the works. He country and inveigle his innocent dupes in untold South may be established?" conceded that it contained omissions unavoidable and by order of the Secretary of the Treasury, all Cotmany imperfections. A second edition was demanded by his I left these women with their country.

The secretary of the Secretary of the Treasury, all Cotretired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there spect a time in prayer miseries for a less price than was demanded by his retired to his tent, and there are no specific to his tent, and the no specific to his tent,

> Now is the proper time for planting the Poppy, which may yield fifty pounds of opium to the acre, a very encouraging return at present prices.

#### WHO COMPOSE SOME OF THE SO-CALLED PEACE MEETINGS.

We freely admit that there are a good many very most ill timed and unfortunate movement for an ries of life to sell, whether he has raised the same, war meetings, for their only effect upon the war is to protract it—are differently constituted, the participants being men who have but little claim to be called "The People," and whose resolutions are fraught with evil to the cause of the Confederacy, ing the necessaries of life from the people, or are danger to the internal peace of the State, and cer- exacting such enormous prices for them that the tainly blight to the high character it has earned in poor are almost sure to starve, for they cannot raise this war upon a hundred battle fields.

composed of only two persons.

respectable source, some information relative to up the necessaries of life. another of these meetings, the proceedings of which are published in a late Standard, where they truly the cause of many desertions from our occupy nearly a half column in small type. We armies. Many who do so, are true to their are informed that the officers of that meeting, and country and brave as lions. They are willing to the committee appointed to draft resolutions are remain in the army and fight for liberty and indeall deserters or conscripts lying in the woods to pendence; but when their wives, mothers and keep out of the service! Such is our information daughters write to them of their suffering condi-

as to this meeting. solved that "Gov. Vance is requested not to send touching appeal that can reach a human heart. any more troops out of the State until all of the other States sends their quota"?-and- as Gov. from men who are lying out in the woods? And rying off-"lifting" as the Scottish phrase is-the provisions they had made for their own support. So also is it natural that they should resolve "That we disapprove of the conscript law," for they were

#### conscripts, and, as the poet says, "No rogue e'er felt the balter draw,

With good opinion of the law." But why such people as these should dishonor Mr Holden and the Standard by complimenting them in a special resolution, we cannot so well understand, since Mr Holden and the Standard have taken the opposite ground from themselves in all the important points of their preamble and nineteen resolutions .- Fayetteville Observer.

# "AN HONORABLE PEACE."

Who, in the Confederate States, from President Davis to the most humble citizen, does not pray that peace may again smile upon our once happy land? We presume there are none. And an In North Mississippi the ladies keep a copy of honorable peace is what all do or should desire. the President's appeal with them which they draw | The gentlemen who in their public meetings deupon every drone seeking to shirk his duty in the clare for peace most generally qualify the term by sent to Gen. Hurlbut, asking his protection to be lieve that our enemies construe the resolutions as extended over the Northern counties of the State. implying a desire for reconstruction of the Union, -that those North Carolinians who so resolve for peace, are anxious to become the slaves of Yanthe assemblies before mentioned declare a wish for peace, mean it upon no such terms as indica-Yesterday every preparation had been made for ted above. Recreant to their interests, indeed, would they be if they desired peace upon terms of submission to yankee tyranny, and yet if intended politician is holding up to the people at this time, and teachings too many, we fear, are fovorably lis-

larger number of those who compose the "peace and keep them from suffering. These things I lease the prisoners who were being conveyed to entail upon themselves and all Southerners mise. were carrying back to the army, "You must go my also arrested the same day for siding and abetting ries and hardships such as have never before be- son, but come back as soon as you get there, and deserters. On Thursday these men were placed

one more invitation for the barbarous foe to invest our own beloved section, in which event all its inhabitants will fare alike. The lives and property face she said, "Mr A ought they not all to come for safe deliverance into the jail, prior to their During the hero Jackson's lifetime, Gen. Ewell of one class or party will be no more safe than that home? for we poor women folks here cannot get shipment to Camp Vance was wont to remark that Jackson could do the of another; and he who was most clamorous for one bushel of wheat or corn for our money, and This is something that we were in hopes of

life and liberties of himself and children?

#### From the Raleigh Age. SOME STARTLING TRUTHS.

We earnestly commend the following communirespectable and well meaning men, who, misled by cation to the perusal of every man in the State the universal desire for peace, have united in the who has wheat, corn, bacon or any of the necessaimpracticable and even treasonable scheme of or purchased it to sell again. We cannot set usurping the powers of government which have forth in stronger colors than our correspondent has been fully and wisely placed in other hands than done, the condition of affairs in our country. He theirs. But at the same time it is manifest that certainly has depicted them in the most glaring The Democrat will be discontinued to all subscri- some of the meetings-called "peace" but really light; and they are based on his own observation

> fraught with evil to the cause of the Confederacy, ing the necessaries of life from the people, or are the money to pay such exorbitant demands. The We have had oceasion heretofore to state, upon corn; and wheat, and bacon, and other necessaries good authority, that one of the earliest of these are in the country in abundance. The people meetings was composed of conscripts between 40 and know this, and yet they suffer for the want of 45, who wished to avoid their duty, and of the them! It is the strongest evidence of the lawfriends and relatives of deserters. Also, that the chairman of the only such meeting held in the army had been a deserter. There was only one know their rich neighbors' barns and meat houses other name mentioned in the proceedings of that have plenty and to spare, and yet they refuse to meeting, leading to the presumption that it was let the people have of their abundance. There is a point where forbearance ceases to be a virtue, brethren in the manner above mentioned? Nay, We have now, from what we are informed is a and then woe to extortioners and those who hoard

We have no doubt but our correspondent states tion, and appeal to them to come home and keep Having thus shown how three of these peace them from starving to death, it is almost mure meetings were constituted, it is fair to suppose than human nature can bear; and if they desert that others of them were of like character. Is it under such circumstances, the blame rests more on any wonder that such persons as those who com- those who let soldiers' families suffer around them, posed the meeting last alluded to, should have re. | than on him who yields to the strongest and most

What can men mean or hope for, who are thus entailing sufferings on their own neighbors and Vance can have no means of knowing when all the fellow-citizens? Laying aside the grievous sin other States shall have sent their quota, it is plain before God of which they are guilty, (for such they were merely requesting him not to send them | beings "neither fear God nor regard man,") what into the army. They might very naturally re- good will their treasures of money; or produce do solve, too, as they did, that they "do not intend to them, if they pursue this course much longer? pay tithes to Bradford or any other person," for The enemy or some other judgment will overtake how can Bradford or any other person collect tithes | them, and it will crumble and perish in their sight. The curse of God already abideth on again, as they resolved, "That from the scarcity of them; and HE has said-"he fhat withholdeth men we will hardly make enough for home con. corn, the people shall curse bim;" -and who can

bread and meat for them, money or no money. State and we are chained upon our backs like poor And if the people become exasperated against those who are the cause of the suffering around them, who can tell what the consequences will be! What our correspondent says of the condition

in the west, is our condition here and everywhere It is alarming, truly. With an abundance in the lond, want, suffering and starvation stare us in the face every where. Is there no remedy? Can nothing-will nothing be done? If not, we are a

ruined, conquered, subjugated people. As our correspondent intimates, we must regard each other as brothers, united in one common all is lost.-liberty, property and everything.

# The following is the communication alluded to:

# OUR CONDITION.

Kee task-masters, and wish to give over their poss- tributed a great deal towards the present condition essions and property to the brigands now devasta- of things; but their part is comparatively small speculators. These are the leeches which are seventy-five years old and quite infirm. draining out the life blood of our Confederacy, depreciating our currency, disbanding our army, their way to the ren lezvous, but would not advance filling our mountains with deserters from the nearer than Warren's bridge, three miles distant soldiery, and converting hundreds of our less in from the place of meeting, on learning of the for a directly opposite effect, no course could be formed backwoodsmen into tories and bush presence of the Guard. The supposition was that pursued better calculated to lead us to subjugation whackers. They are doing this by withholding they were waiting for reinforcements from Trap and ruin, than that which a designing and crafty the prime necessities of life from the soldiers. Hill, in Wilkes county, and intended attacking families, or exacting such enormous prices that the the next day; but the Guard were disappointed on and to whose delusive and dangerous doctrines poor women and children of our brave soldiers are reaching the place of an anticipated battle the folnot able to procure these commodities; thus causing lowing morning, the deserters having skedaddled the wives and mothers of soldiers to write to their to the mountains in Wilkes, As we have said on one occasion, we believe the friends in the army and beg them to come home An attempt was made on Tuesday night to rebring your gun with you - tell all the boys to under guard of militia to be brought to this place, Every "peace meeting" held in the State is only bring their guns and come home, for we will all but on reaching a creek within four miles of here. perish here if they don't come home and kill the they escaped through negligenes of a portion of speculators;" and then turning to me with tearful the men under whose care they had been placed

"What will it profit a man if he gains" an mountainous portions of our State; and unless the punishment these descriters from the Southern amount of money beyond his most sanguine expec- people who have the grain will suffer their patriot- army, will accomplish the undertaking upon which tations and greedy desires, and in gaining it aid and ism to predominate, the coming result is palpable. they have started abets the enemies of his country and imperils the The soldiers will desert and come home to the There is no doubt but there are a large unmber rescue of their families, when they learn such of desertors in this section .- Statesville Express.

things from their mothers, wives and sisters at

The great majority of the army are poor men who have nothing at home but their families to fight for. They are wise enough to know that they are exposing themselves for the property and slaves of the capitalist and rich planters. Now, when they learn that the former of these have made the money of their wives and their children talueless, and that the latter will not sell their families bread, what may we expect?

I am a religious man, but I confess to my sin in saying that, at that moment I felt like shooting the wretch, though I said not a-word.

Will the good and just God ever let us prosper while we treat our fellow creatures in this manuer Will He allow a government to be successful in forming itself, and in being recognized by the nations of the world, as free and enlightened, whose very elements are sinners of the darkest grade? Never, NEVER. Is there any consistency in laboring, bleeding and suffering to gain the national freedom of a people who are daily riveting the chains of severity upon their fellows and

We believe in the justness of the Southern cause, and that we shall ultimately prevail over our enemies; or that they will become willing to let us leave them and become an independent government. But unless our people repent of their multitudinous sins, and especially of the sins of selfi-hness and extertion; of lust and neglect of religion and the requirements of the gospel, the present generation will sleep in the dust ere this happy result will be accomplished.

It is time for us all to awake to our interest in this matter. Editors may write, ministers may preach, politicians may talk, generals may command, armies may fight, good men may pray, infidels may sneer, but till we become a better people than we now are, the great God will not give us an honorable, lasting peace. A nation cannot succeed in the accomplishment of its purposes, when many of its most prominent members are using the morals, blood and happiness of the other portion of its members, in making immense fortunes for themselves and their children.

These are plain words, Mr. Editor, and they are true. Someting must be done for our noble State, and that speedily, or she will ruin herself and endanger the Confederacy. Do they not see it? Will not the farmers and planters hear before it becomes too late? In the name of all that is dear, If our armies are thinned by deserters coming what do the people mean? It will be too late home to look after their families, they will have when the yankee bords have overrun our whole

Every man among us ought to value Confederate money as gold; and every one who holds the prime commodities of life, should regard every other man in the South his brother, and act accordingly, Then sweet peace would soon revisit our bleeding

land, and God would bless us abundantly Happy Home, N. C.

# TROUBLE AT HOME.

Considerable excitement was produced in this cause, and bound to one destiny, for weal or woe place on Wednesday morning, the 9th, by a report -and all contribute to the aid and support of one | coming from the neighborhood of Jacob Fraley, another-then all will be well. But if not, then Esq., that a number of deserters in that section had massed themselves for a battle with a portion of the State Guard from Camp Vance, commanded

It appears that the people of that region had appointed a day for a Union meeting in the MR EDITOR: The affairs of our State at present | vicinity of Esquire Fraley's, and had extended an are in a deplorable condition; and instead of any invitation to the deserters and skulkers thereabouts prospect of things getting better, they seem to be to attend, and take part in the proceedings. The growing worse daily. If we are overrun by the Guard marched from near this place on Monday vankees, and are made to become mere vassals and night and reached the place where the meeting tributaries to the unprincipled vandals of the was to be held about day-break Tuesday, a distance North, the people of North Carolina, and especially of twenty miles. After the meeting assembled, (a the grain producers and capitalists of the State, large number of women being present) the Guard will have to bear most of the blame. I know that and militia surrounded the building and took possome of the secular papers of the State have con- session of the ringleaders, letting the females and a number of the citizens loose, retaining under guard five deserters who were present and the Mr Henry Myers, residing on Coulet street, had ting our country. But we know the men who in with that of the corn, wheat, bacon and money chairman, a Mr John Diffee, who is from appear-

About one hundred and sixty deseriers were on

captured early Wednesday morning and confessed

serer having to record as having happened in this upon which we dislike to dwell and apread before to put down this band of tories and traitors to

Now sir, the above is the state of things in the force which has been sent to arrest and bring to