

Western Democrat. CHARLOTTE, N. C.

Tuesday, August 30, 1864.

SUSPENSION.

The Home Guard of this county having been ordered out for service in the field, and as Editors and all printers within the age are liable to service of that kind, we are necessarily obliged to suspend the publication of the Democrat for a few weeks, at least until we return.

THE MILITARY AND THE PRESS.—The special order of Col. Brom in today's issue, ordering out the Home Guard for sixty days service, will unless a special exemption is granted to the printers, effectually suspend the publication of the papers in this town.

THE CONFEDERATE GOVERNMENT.—The Confederate Government, by special legislation, exempted Editors and their necessary employees, but the Legislature of North Carolina, regardless of the example, acting directly opposite to the policy pursued by every other State in the Confederacy, have determined to break down the Press by putting into the field its Editors and operatives, to hunt deserters.

THE ABOVE, from our neighbors, is a correct statement of the case. As we have already remarked in another article, we are very willing to suspend our paper if the authorities construe the Home Guard law so as to require it. It is true, that in the various towns and cities of the Confederacy, even when assailed by the enemy, the Press has not been interfered with by any sort of calls for men, but here in North Carolina it seems necessary to suspend for the purpose of catching deserters!

CLAIMS OF DECEASED SOLDIERS.—The following letter, which we find in the Fayetteville Observer, contains information interesting to some persons: RICHMOND, Va., Aug. 15, 1864.

E. J. Hale & Sons.—Gentlemen: I have received from the 2d Auditor's Office, several warrants upon the Treasury, for pay due deceased soldiers, and which have been retained in the office for the want of the proper Post Office address of the parties entitled to them.

THE PEACE QUESTION.—The following is an item of Northern news. Whether it is true or not we cannot say: "The New York Herald, of the 22d, has a letter from Niagara Falls which says that Judge Black, Attorney General under Buchanan, and Hay, Lincoln's private Secretary, have had another interview with Clay, Holcombe & Co., and that Lincoln is about to offer an armistice and propose a meeting of Commissioners in Baltimore or some other border city."

PROCLAMATION BY THE GOVERNOR OF NORTH CAROLINA.—Gov. Vance has issued the following Proclamation in regard to deserters:

Whereas, it is reported to me that many soldiers from the troops of this State have deserted their colors and comrades, and are now lurking in the woods and mountains, some of them subsisting by forcing their friends to violate the laws by aiding them, and others by violent depredations upon peaceable citizens, entailing shame and obloquy upon themselves and their posterity, outraging the laws and the peace of society, and damaging the cause of their hard-pressed country.

And, whereas, Gen. Robt. E. Lee, in General Order No. 54, Aug. 10th 1864, has promised to deal leniently with all who promptly return to duty, though they may have incurred the penalties of desertion by prolonged absence without authority, we, therefore, I, Zebulon B. Vance, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do issue this my proclamation, urging most earnestly upon all such misguided men to wipe out from their once respected names the foul stain of desertion by promptly returning to the post of duty in accordance with said General Order No. 54, promising to all such who voluntarily return or come forward with their proper authorities, full and free pardon, or the mitigation of only the mildest penalties of the military law, except those who have been guilty of the capital felonies against the lives and property of the citizens, and this promise shall hold good for thirty days from the date hereof.

Not True.—The Raleigh Standard, speaking of the election in Mecklenburg county, says: "There was no free ballot in the town of Charlotte either for citizens or soldiers."

GOOD NEWS. BATTLE AT REAMS' STATION, NEAR PETERSBURG.—THE CONFEDERATE VICTORIOUS. PETERSBURG, Aug. 26.—The affair on the Weldon railroad, Thursday, was very gallant and successful in its results.

GEN. LEE'S OFFICIAL DISPATCH. RICHMOND, August 26.—The following dispatch was received to night: HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF NORTHERN VA., August 26, 1864.

MEMBERS OF THE LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA. The following is a list of members elect to the General Assembly, for 1864-65. It is complete with the exception of the two Commissioners to which Currituck and Tyrrell are entitled.

SENATE. Pasquotank and Perquimans—W H Bagley. Camden and Currituck—D McD Lindsey. Chowan and Wayne—M L Eare.

HOUSE OF COMMONS. Alamance—R Y McAden, C F Faucett. Alexander—J M Carson. Anson—A J Dargan, E R Liles.

THE PROSPECT OF ABUNDANCE OF CORN.—So far as the human vision can penetrate, there seems to be the strongest reason to thank Providence for averting the danger of want of the necessary food of life, for which, to a very considerable extent, portions of the Confederacy have been suffering for several months past.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA. We, the undersigned freeholders, being summoned by J. S. Means, an Acting Justice of the Peace, to meet at the house of John Simpson to value and appraise a stray Bull in instance of the said John Simpson, we, the undersigned, duly sworn, proceeded to view the said Bull and find the same to be a smooth crop on each ear with a tinge in the stump of each, and flesh-marked as follows: the face white, while along the back and sides being mixed with small spots, and hips spotted with small spots, supposed to be 3 years old, and will weigh 200 pounds, net beef. We value the said Bull at \$150.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA—Lincoln County. Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions—Aug. Term, 1864. E. W. Hoyle, Administrator of Alfred E Hoyle, vs. Wm. J. Keenan and wife, and others.

ADJUTANT AND INSPECTOR GEN'L OFFICE. RICHMOND, Aug. 8, 1864. General Order No. 67. Paragraph I, General Order No. 63, (current series) is amended: All called men, (including those between 18 and 45 years of age) will report to me, to be commanded by the General of Reserves in the State in which they have been assigned, or detailed, who will organize them into companies and battalions.

HEADQUARTERS RESERVE NORTH CAROLINA. Raleigh, Aug. 29, 1864. General Order No. 7. Pursuant to General Order No. 67, paragraph V, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, dated August 16th, 1864, Local Enrolling Officers will proceed at once to organize the detailed men, of whatever kind, in their respective counties, into companies, reporting to this office the names and residence of the officers elected.

EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS. RICHMOND, Aug. 26.—The Confederate authorities have offered to exchange officer for officer, and man for man, with the Federal authorities. The point of contention has been the delivery of the excess of prisoners—our Government insisting upon the terms of the cartel, which requires the delivery of all prisoners on both sides, the excess to be parole.

KILLED AND WOUNDED. In North Carolina Regiments, in the late Battle. Petersburg, Va., Aug. 19th, 1864. Editor of Western Democrat: Please insert the following list of casualties in your paper, being the accurate list of the losses of Co. K, 9th N.C. Troops, Ransom's Brigade, around the cities of Richmond and Petersburg, from the 15th of May, 1864, to the present time, Aug. 19th, so that our friends in this country may be enabled to know how we have fared during the present campaign.

THE ATTACK ON MEMPHIS, TENN. The following dispatch was received from Gen. Forrest dated Hernando, Miss., Aug. 21st: I attacked Memphis at 4 o'clock this morning, driving the enemy to his fortifications. We killed and captured 400, captured their entire camp with about 300 horses and mules. Washburne (the yankee General) escaped in the darkness of the morning, leaving his clothes behind. My loss is twenty killed and wounded.

STOLEN. On the 12th of August, from the subscriber in Union county, a light colored bay MARE, black mane and tail and a star in the face. The Mare was taken from the stable of Wm R Richardson and was tracked in the direction of Camden. Any information will be thankfully received and liberally rewarded.

STRAYED. From my lot at the Brewery, a yellow COW with tall half white. She had a bell on. She was raised near Davidson College. A liberal reward will be paid for information so that I can get her.