

## North Carolina Libby.



### CHARLOTTE:

Tuesday, February 17, 1863.

**E.P. E. Wakefield, Esq., of Lenoir, has consented to act, and is our authorized agent. He receives orders for the Wm. blues or uniforms, and receipt for the same. Any person subscribing who pays him within three months will receive the Wm. for two dollars.**

#### Remember,

*That we take all kinds of country produce in exchange for the Wm. Eggs, Butter, Lard, Chicken & in fact anything that is in the market.*

**Who of our readers can spare a plate a dish or chair, in fact any article of household utensils will bring them to the Whig Office as soon as possible, we want these things for a friend of ours, who is in exile from home and its comforts, with a large family, some friends show your liberality, bring one plate, dish or chair, or any article, it will be bought, rented or borrowed, we have learned what we could spare.**

**We came very near being starved out during the past week, no Beef, no Pork, no Chickens, no Flour, a little Meal no Butter, almost no money, we were disheartened, till those that own us come to the scratch, do you think that we can live on air, you have discovered how to live without eating, we wish you would inform us.**

**We have of late seen and read a great many notices about deserters. We would ask why so many deserters, what is the cause of it, we have come to this conclusion, the soldiers that are far away on our frontier keeping back the rebel hordes, who would despoil our fair land, receive letters from the loved ones at home saying, we are starving to death, everything is so high I can buy nothing to feed our little ones on, we are all barefooted and ragged, is not enough to make the heart bleed boil with indignation, knowing the fact, the soldier has an enemy in front trying to kill him an enemy in the rear seeking the lives of the loved ones at home we blame them not, we see every day men with a few gun-gangs on their arms strutting about with a lengthy furlough in their pocket while the poor private must be content to remain in camp, he has no business at home, he dont want to see his family, most be satisfied with a letter once a month or two good enough for him, Mr. Officer must go and see his family once every three months and stay a month at each time, the private can go once during the war and stay a few days, now who is to blame for all this, we say emphatically that is the fault of the Government, that causes desertions. Why not seize every article of consumption in the land, pisco every speculator in the army, both great and small and make the heart of the soldier easy while in camp, but no worthy podoles have declared it is politic to interfere with the laws of trade, oh no our bosom friends the speculators will coll like it if we pass laws to injure them.**

We favour those that favour us.

#### Peno.

**There is one word in the English language that has more significance than another at the present time, that word is "Peso." It is upon the tongue of almost every one, and yet we fear that our people are hugging this delusion to their souls to find at last that it is but ashes upon their lips. "Peso! Peso!" cried the people in the days of Henry, but he assured them then there was no "Peso!" It is far more fearfully true now than then. The Southern people have ever been over willing to listen to this Syren song, but he who dreams that there will be peace in one two, or three months, counting without his host. The great fear is that our people, especially those in the army, will be lulled into false security. Were hostiles to cease to-day there is no reasonable hope that peace will or can be made in less than half a year. How long, think you, it will take to fix a boundary between the North and South? What will be the requirements of the North, what the demands of the South? Who can answer?**

#### Can it be Possible—We hope not.

We understand that our country neighbors, had the heart to ask the very modest sum of \$8 for a load of wood during the recent cold snap, what hard-heartedness, you must pay my pride or freeze, we heard on the street, can it be so, this is patriotic vengeance.

**Another Speech from Vallandigham. The Northern papers contain a long and interesting account of a debate in the United States Congress between Vallandigham, Wright, and Bingham. In the course of his remarks, Vallandigham said:**

"You can never subdue the seceded States. Two years of fearful experience have taught you that. Why carry on the war? If you persist it can only end in final separation; believe it now, as you did not my former warning, the whole Northwest will go with the South. Believe me, as you did not the solemn warnings of years past, the day which divides the North from the South, the self same day divides eternal divorce between the West and the East. There is not one drop of rain that falls over the whole vast expanse of the North-West that does not find its home in the bosom of the Gulf. We meet and will follow it with travel and trade; not by treaty, but by right; freely, peaceably, and without restriction or tribute, under the same Government and flag."

**These remarks of Mr. Vallandigham are**

**pertinent and true, but strange to say, he is laboring under the fatal delusion that the Union can be again restored. It is time, high time that all men should know that this is an utter impossibility. It matters not whether the South be subdued, or whether after months, or it may be years of struggling she gains her independence she can never again join hands with the North. There is a gulf between them broader and deeper than that spoken of in Holy Writ. Does any man presume to think that after all the indignities that have been heaped upon the South that her people are willing to kiss the hand that smote them? The people of the South have ever been forbearing, but there is a point beyond which even forbearance ceases to be a virtue. That point the South has long since reached. What has the North or the North-West done that should secure either our gratitude or respect? Let the thousands who have been slain in defense of their homes and their rights answer. How many thousands are homeless and hopeless to day by reason of the unnatural and inhuman strife now waging in our country? These are momentous questions, but they will and must be answered. Would to God that the answer had not to be written in blood.**

**If the people of the North-West desire peace they can have it, but not at the sacrifice of Southern honor. Let Indiana and Illinois cut loose from the dovetail bonds of the North and then the South with some show of propriety can listen to their proposals—but so long as they remain in alliance with the North, just so long will the South if she is true to herself, refuse to return to their confederacy. And who are we supposed to give Mr. Vanquishman credit for a show of patriotism, we are constrained to say that the policy indicated by him will result in no good to either side. We of the South know upon what ground we stand. Our cause is just and by the help of Heaven we intend to maintain it to the last.**

**The Legislature of North Carolina adjourned on Thursday afternoon, and it is not likely that it will again be called together. The views of a majority of the members did not seem to be in union with those of the Governor, and as a natural consequence but little was effected at the present session. It is to be regretted that those in power cannot sit together with more harmony. It seems strange that there should be wranglings and dissensions in our councils at a time like this. Now, if ever, should our people be united as one man. Let us hope and trust that there are better days in store for us in the future.**

**BIG AND LITTLE.—In the yokes Congress a few days ago, Mr. Lovejoy, the fanatic member from Illinois, alighted to the diminutive size of Mr. Cox of Ohio, whereupon Mr. Cox said he was reminded of an epitaph which he lately saw in a newspaper about the gentlemen from Illinois, which read as follows:**

*Beneath this stone, Owen Lovejoy lies,  
While in everything except his cause,  
With though his body fills this hole,  
Yet though hell's abysses crept his little soul.*

**The House showed its approbation of the report by roars of laughter. We do not know anything about the size of Mr. Lovejoy's soul, but have since come to the conclusion that very few men in the Federal Congress are troubled with any thing of that kind now days. If they are, they have a wonderful strange way of showing it.**

**Southern Field and Fireside.**

**We have received the "Southern Field and Fireside," a first class literary and agricultural journal published at Augusta, Georgia. Specimens numbers can be seen at our office. The periodical is edited and controlled by Southern men and upon strictly Southern principles. We hope our people will take hold of this publication and sustain it, as it is a Southern journal and looks to the South alone for support.**

**A negro girl from the country saw the lamps in the street-lit for the first time a few nights since, ran in the house and told her mistress that all the posts in the streets were on fire.**

**A YANKEE TRICK.—In 1862, when forces from two different directions, and our men were gallantly returning the fire, but he saw no chance for their escape, as the enemy was in our rear, flanking us by the way of Biddle's road, leading from Newbern to Dover.**

**Our men were encamped on the Dover road, at the Sand Ridge, between Core Creek and Biddle's opening when surprised by the enemy.**

**Capt. Whitford engaged the enemy's pickets at Big Swift creek. Heavy skirmishing was going on the most of the day. Result unknown.—Correspondence Knight Journal.**

### From Vicksburg.

**Vicksburg, 14.—One of the enemy's gunboats passed our batteries last night at 12 o'clock, under the cover of darkness. Several shots were fired at her, but with what effect is not known. All quiet this morning. The enemy are reported actively engaged in the supposed purpose of protecting their men they commence throwing pontoon bridges across the River. An early attack is anticipated, and our forces are prepared for it.**

### Arrival of Vessels, &c.

**CHARLESTON, Feb. 14.—Three large steamers, full of gold and valuable cargoes, arrived safe in a Confederate port before day break this morning, bringing news dates in the 13th, and fully confirming the safety of the Florida and the sinking of the federal gun boat Hatteras by the Alabama. Another steamer sailed from a Confederate port last night.**

### Late Northern and European News.

**RICHMOND, Feb. 14.—Northern dates of the 12th was received here last night.**

**The steamer Europa has arrived at Halifax. It is reported that she brings a proposition from Napoleon, offering mediation between the North and South; that both appointed commissioners to meet at Montreal or Mexico, to arrange preliminaries for a peace.**

**A Washington telegram to the New York Express, says it is reported that Seward has rejected the proposition, but the Washington Chronicle denies that there has been any such indication from the Government, and adds that there is reason to doubt that portion of the news stating that the suspension of hostilities is included in the terms.—The reported rejection cause gold, in New York, to advance from \$2 to \$22. Col-00 cents.**

**Strong peace resolutions had been introduced in the New Jersey Legislature to recommend to the Confederate Government to intercede with the South to let our men return to their colors without proper trials, and to grant a general amnesty to all who may voluntarily return to duty by the 10th day of February, 1863, shall be received into their several commands with no other punishment than a forfeiture of their pay for the time they have been absent without leave; and declaring further that all who do not so return by the said 10th day of February, shall when apprehended, be tried for desertion, and upon conviction, be made to suffer death.**

**New York Tribune, Feb. 14.—We have this day received from the steamer Europa, news from the 13th inst., learns from a distinguished citizen of one of the Western States, that the States of Indiana, Illinois and Ohio have determined to stop the war and make terms of peace with the Confederate States at all hazards. They are resolved that the war against the Confederate States shall cease; otherwise, the North-West will make war against the aggressors.**

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