

NORTH CAROLINA ARGUS.

This Argus for the people's rights doth an eternal vigil keep—
No soul's strain of Mal's son can hush his hundred eyes to sleep.

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The services heretofore held in the Baptist Church, Rev. J. E. Morrison officiating will, for the present, be continued in Temperance Hall. Preaching next Sunday morning at the usual hour.

Paper is 75 cents per annum—costing here \$28.50 per ream. We bought it formerly, only of a better quality, for \$2.50 per ream. The best we can do, at present, is to issue the Argus in its present form, using small type and crowding things into small space. We can give in this way nearly as much reading matter as formerly. We have done the best we could in the past, and mean to do so in the future.

OFFICIAL VOTE.—12th Regt. N. C. T.: 5th District: Arrington 30; Turner, none. Companies C, F, and K, from Warren, Arrington 50; Turner, none. Co. H, Nash county, Arrington 15; Turner 6.

8th District—Co's. A and E, 45th Regt. for Lander, Ramsey, none. 20th Regt., Lander 50, Ramsey 8. The voting per Regiment is almost unanimous for Arrington.

[For the Argus,
RAPPAHANNOCK STATION, VA.,
October 26th, 1863.

We left camp, near Orange Court House, the 8th, and have travelled all the time for twelve days since we left. We tried to flank Meade, but he found it out and left as hard as he could go and our men after him, keeping them a part of the time in a double quick. It was a jolly time for us until the 14th.

We captured a good many prisoners. The evening of the 14th, we came up with them, and two Brigades of our Division, including ours (Cooks' and Kirkland's) were ordered forward with no support. We went in and opened fire on them. Our Regiment went in with three hundred men. We lost in killed, wounded and missing 180 men, as great a loss as Gettysburg. My Company lost 11 out of 32. We suffered severely, but old Peter spared my life again to come out safe. I was at one time in 20 steps of the enemy and the shooting as hard as they could.

I know it was a providential thing that I escaped. My Company went into action with 32 men and came out with 21. We did not have one killed. I will give you a list of the wounded and missing.

Wounded—Sergt. W. D. Webb, hand and shoulder. Corp. J. R. Jarman, thigh, slightly. Private J. W. Broad, way foot. M. McFarrell, leg and side; Jess Short, hand, severely; John Short, hand.

Missing—H. D. Lee, W. D. Smart, W. F. Sanders, J. A. Teal, R. Willoughby.

MEAN TO SELL AT GOVERNMENT PRICES.

At a meeting of a portion of the citizens of Warren, recently held, the following resolution among others was passed:

Resolved, That we pledge ourselves to sell to the government and families of soldiers and other consumers, all of our surplus products, at the prices established by government, and we further pledge ourselves when any citizen refuses to sell his surplus at government prices to report him to the government agent, that his surplus may be impressed.

THE CURRENCY QUESTION—MEETING OF BANK OFFICERS AND CONGRESSMEN.

The officers of the various Banks throughout the country, and the members elect to the next Congress, are requested to meet at Augusta, Ga., on the 5th of November, to consider the question of our currency. The idea is a most capital one, and we trust that there will be a large meeting of both the Bank officers and Congressmen.

The matter of reducing our redundant currency will be by far the most important question that will come before the next Congress, and this meeting of our Congressmen, in conjunction with the Bank officers, will give the members of Congress an opportunity of learning the views of the most experienced and practical financiers in the country, and thereby conduce to bring about a speedy remedy for the evils which now so seriously affect our currency.

BOMBARDMENT OF FORT SUMTER.—ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH DAY OF THE SIEGE.

The bombardment of Fort Sumter Friday exceeded in severity anything that fortification has yet experienced. The heavy fire mentioned in our last was maintained Thursday night without ceasing by the Monitors and Battery Gregg. The number of shots fired Thursday night was two hundred and sixty, eighty of which missed.

On Friday morning a terrific fire was opened from Gregg and Wagner, assisted by a mortar battery at Cummings' Point. Three Monitors again moved up at half-past twelve and also commenced firing. The cannonading for upwards of five hours was terrible and incessant, the shots averaging about one every minute. The enemy's attention seemed to be entirely to the Northern angle of the fort, keeping up an uninterrupted fire on that portion throughout the day.

From sundown Wednesday to sundown Thursday twelve hundred and fifteen shots, of all calibres, from the fifteen inch shell of the Monitors to the three hundred pounder Parrotts and downwards were poured into and against the fort. Nine hundred and fifty-five shots were fired on Friday, sixty-eight of which missed. Notwithstanding this fire not a single casualty occurred during the day—an event unparalleled in the history of warfare.

The flag staff was again shot away Friday morning, but again speedily replaced.

Private H. C. Castlerough was killed Thursday while on post as sentinel. He was struck by a fifteen inch shell fired from a Monitor.

Our batteries on Sullivan's and James' Islands kept up a steady and effective fire throughout the day. The inside remains quiet.

The bombardment is still going on at the closing of this report, Friday night.

ELECTION RETURNS.

We are indebted (says the Raleigh Progress of the 31st) to the courtesy of Dr. E. B. Haywood for the following vote:

At an election held at General Hospital, No. 7, Raleigh, N. C., on the 29th of October, 1863, for members of Congress in the different Districts of the State, the result was as follows:

- 1st District—W. N. H. Smith 2; P. T. Henry 1.
- 2d—R. R. Bridgers 2; C. Yellowley 1.
- 3d—J. T. Leach 11.
- 4th—Duncan Kelly 1.
- 5th—A. H. Arrington 5; Josiah Turner 9.
- 6th—John A. Gilmer 4.
- 7th—S. H. Christian 7.
- 8th—J. G. Ramsay 13; Wm. Lander 8.
- 9th—S. P. Smith 4; B. S. Gaither 2.
- 10th—G. W. Logan 6; M. Irvin 3.

The following is the result of the vote at Camp Holmes, on Thursday, furnished us by a friend:

- 1st District—W. N. H. Smith 3; Dr. Henry 1.
- 2d—Bridgers 4; Yellowley 4.
- 3d—Leach 19; McRae 3; Faison 1.
- 4th—Strange 5; Fuller 10.
- 5th—Turner 93; Arrington 13.
- 6th—Gilmer 4; Brown 27.
- 7th—Christian 64; Ashe 8.
- 8th—Lander 3; Ramsay 21.
- 9th—S. P. Smith 93; Gaither 1.
- 10th—Logan 24; Hyman 2.

RETURNS FROM LEE'S ARMY.—We are indebted to a friend, who received it by telegraph, for the following returns from Gen. Lee's Army:

- Daniels' Brigade—Bridgers, 57; Yellowley 28; McRae, 17; Faison 12; Leach 1, and Devane 7. Ashe 52; Christian 73.
- Ramsay's Brigade—Bridgers 142; Yellowley 46; McRae 88; Faison 52; Leach 30; Devane 27; Ashe 14; Christian 48.

EASTERN NORTH CAROLINA.

We saw yesterday, gentlemen dived from Kinston and Wilmington, and they assured us that everything was remarkably quiet at both of these military posts. The large blockade trade at Wilmington keeps up all the former show of business, and we have no doubt but many more have made large fortunes. The enemy move no forces nearer there than Newbern, if we except the loose blockade kept up at the entrance of the harbor, and the people of that goodly town, we suppose, feel quite safe and secure, but we very much fear that before the coming of another Spring they will meet the shock of battle. Wilmington will hardly be expected to which either coast town has been exposed, but when her hour of trial does come, we hope our forces will be able to hunt the invaders out, and save the people of that patriotic and hospitable town the insults, indignities and wrongs that have been heaped on other communities. They have a militant government of that military department in the person of Gen. Whiting, and nothing will be left undone to be done to keep the pollsters of our Wilmington.

It is all remarkably quiet, save a few stragglers and a little blockade trade with at Newbern. The force at Newbern is thought to consist only of a mere guard, and an advance is expected for the present.

Albemarle country a perfect quiet refuge. The enemy occasionally making these appearances, patrolling parties on the sound and rivers. We learn they have entirely abandoned Elizabeth City, and probably there is no considerable force nearer than Portsmouth or Suffolk.—Daily Tribune, 26th.

Intelligence from Asheville, under date of the 26th received on Thursday, is to the effect that another fight had taken place at Warm Springs, Gen. R. B. Vance in command of our forces. Several killed and wounded on each side. Full particulars not received.—Standard, 26th.

The Henderson Times of the 22d says:

Rumors of a Yankee raid on Asheville, were current in this place on Monday last, and it was believed by many here, that the Federals would occupy that place on Monday night. In the evening a courier was sent to Asheville to learn the facts. Courier has returned, and instead of confirming the story, that there were 2,000 Yankee cavalry, at Marshall, or some other place near Asheville, reports some burwhackers, perhaps forty, down about Warm Springs. So the rumored raid goes up the spout for the present.

Of affairs in that section the Asheville News of the 22d says:

A raid by some two or three hundred renegade Tennesseans and North Carolinians, was made from the direction of Greenville into Madison county last week. They came in this direction as far as the Warm Springs. One mile below the Spring they shot off Mr. Brown as he was standing in his yard. He died in 30 minutes. He was about 70 years of age, a good citizen and a clever man. It was a cold blooded murder, and one at which humanity weeps and manhood blushes. The raiders carried off all the stock in the country, as far as they penetrated, and said they would be back shortly.

W. C. & R. R. R.—ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

At the annual meeting of the Stockholders of the Wilmington, Charlotte & Rutherford Railroad Company, held at Rockingham, N. C., on the 21st inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

- President—R. H. Cowan, of Wilmington.
- Directors—John Dawson, of Wilmington; Joseph Green, of Brunswick; John A. McIlwain, of Beaufort; R. S. French, of Robeson; W. L. Steele, of Richmond; S. W. Cole, of Anson; S. H. Walker, of Union; S. R. Davis, of Mecklenburg; C. C. Henderson, of Lenoir; H. W. Guion, of Lincoln; G. Dickson, of Chatham; and A. G. Logan, of Rutherford county.
- R. P. Atkinson, Chief Engineer and General Superintendent.
- Jas. I. McCallum, Secretary and Treasurer of Eastern Division.
- W. H. Allen, Master of Transportation.
- B. S. Guion, Engineer and Superintendent Western Division.
- V. A. McBea, Jr., of Western Division.

Among the killed and wounded in the late battles before Chattanooga there are thirty printers and editors, a significant fact, when we remember that this class composes such a small portion of the population of the South. In all the war are only about eight hundred printers in the Confederacy, and half of them are now in the army.

Pace does not appear so instant by it did, says Mr. Lincoln. Neither does the millennium, replies the New York Argus.

Sutton Byrd, a private in Company C, 63d Regiment, N. C. Troops, was killed in Richmond on Thursday morning last, while on guard duty at Castle Thunder, by four Yankee prisoners who had made their escape. The following particulars of the affair are taken from the Enquirer of the 23d:

ESCAPE OF DESPERATE CHARACTERS FROM CASTLE THUNDER—A SENTINEL MURDERED.

On Thursday morning, between the hours of two and three o'clock, four men succeeded in effecting their escape from Castle Thunder. A previous attempt of the same parties having been discovered and frustrated by the vigilance of the officers, they were confined in the condemned cell, before which a guard was kept continually walking to and fro, and which, from its position, in the very centre of the building, was deemed the most secure place in the prison. Obtaining, by some means, the necessary tools, they cut through the floor into the commissary's room beneath, descending into which they secured the arms placed there for safe keeping, then in a body, rushing out into the room used for the reception of visitors, they overthrew the sentinel on guard inside the door, who being disabled by the fall, could not further arrest their flight. They next encountered the sentinel in front of the prison, on Cory street. He happening to be immediately in their path, one of the number rushed upon him, and placing the muzzle of his gun close to the head of the guard, who was attempting to step their egress, discharged the piece, the whole lost entered the lower portion of the lead, inflicting a frightful wound, and, of course, causing instant death. Three or four shots were fired in rapid succession at the fleeing murderers, but with what success is not known. A crowd of spiders on duty at the prison, were soon collected around the scene of this lamentable disaster. But here a singular incident occurred—the large dog belonging to Captain Alexander, the commandant of the prison, whom, doubtless, all have seen who have ever visited the Castle, took a position alongside the dead body and would permit no one to approach until the proper officers came up and relieved him of his charge; even then he followed the corpse into the building, seemingly determined to keep watchful guard over the remains until the last. This exhibition of affection for the deceased soldier was truly touching and, indeed, remarkable.

The name of the deceased was Sutton Byrd, a private in Co. C, 63d North Carolina Troops.

The names of the parties who committed the cold blooded murder are E. D. Boone, Edward Lamm, Thomas Cole and John A. Chapman. The first is a noted ruffian, having made several escapes from different prisons, and was closely confined a few days ago for an attempted escape. The others were of a like character, being confined upon various charges. Several recent attempts to break out by the last named parties had been discovered and frustrated by the officers.

The poor boy's name is here, and accompanies the remains to his grave. Gen. Winder very properly and kindly ordered an escort to accompany the remains to the grave.

When the body of the boy was being put into the coffin, the poor old father knelt down, placing his hands to the ears of his murdered boy, and wept for some moments, apparently in power.

Mrs. Hood.—The editor of the Columbus (Ga.) News has been shown a private letter from the physician who attended the case, in which he states that the General will recover from his wounds. This will be a relief and intelligence to the General's family. We cordially spare no pains to get you a check from our new book.

Wm. H. Dyer, Esq.—Mr. Theodore Dyer, lately of N. W. Dyer, has obtained a patent from the Confederate Patent Office, for the invention of a paper hoop for securing cotton bales. Cotton bales in this way is said to have given entire satisfaction, having compressed to the greatest degree, as the structure of the tension on the bale, the stronger the hoop. In wood hoop is said to preserve the baling better than that, and the cost is much less.

DR. Through the intercession of friends a respite has been granted Dr. Wright, and to-morrow Friday has again been set apart for his execution. The suspension of the order for his execution on the 10th, was not received until the very morning of the day appointed.

We understand that a sad and affecting scene was enacted in the jail of Norfolk, on Thursday, the 10th. A daughter of Dr. Wright was united in marriage to a gentleman to whom she had been long affianced, in the presence of her father, and at a peculiar request. The sad circumstances under which these nuptials were celebrated, drew tears from the eyes of even the Federal attendants.

Dr. Wright was lying on the 23d.

THE FIGHT AT BRISTOW STATION.—We are permitted to make the following extract of a private letter from a participant in the fight at Bristow Station in Northern Virginia, wherein two brigades (Kirkland's and Cook's) were opposed to two full army corps of the enemy. The writer says:—The fight at Bristow Station by far exceeded anything of the kind I have ever been in. Only two brigades, Cook's and Kirkland's against two entire Yankee corps. So troops ever fought better than ours; but we were doing very well, and the whole of Hill's corps, looking well, would not be the force of Hill's corps but it was enough. Hill was completely deceived in regard to the number. In less than fifteen minutes, from five to six hundred of Cook's brigade were shot down, and made prisoners. The command then devolved upon Col. Hill, who had to order the brigade back out of the fight. The result of the fight was that the Federal forces were completely routed, and the whole of Hill's corps was captured. The writer says that the fight was the most brilliant he ever saw, and that the Federal forces were completely routed, and the whole of Hill's corps was captured.

CONFEDERATE VICTORIES, Oct. 28.—The skirmish which took place at Bristow on Monday was between Johnson's division and a large body of the enemy's cavalry. It commenced early in the morning and lasted over four hours. The enemy fought manfully, but what could they do against our art? The General Cook will lose his leg, and his life.—War Jour., 28th ult.

The Yankees are reported to be concentrating at Warrenton Junction.

CORONER'S INQUEST.

Coroner H. R. Perkin held an inquest yesterday (Sunday) morning, at the Restaurant of Mr. Morre on Front Street, over the body of a free boy named James White who died very suddenly after a fight with another negro named George Holden. From the evidence brought before the Jury it appears that White was in the employ of Mr. Morrell, and that on Saturday evening about 6 1/2 o'clock, whilst he was passing a door in the rear of the Restaurant, leading into a side alley, the negro boy Geo. Holden came up and was ordered off by the dr. asked; some words passed between them, when George struck White, and a scuffle then took place in the alley. They parted, and White returned to the door from whence the fight commenced, (George running off down the alley towards the river,) took his seat on a pair of steps, and in a few moments fell forward, and died in about fifteen minutes. A small bruised place being observed on the left side, a post mortem examination was made by Dr. A. R. Medway, assisted by several other surgeons, when it was found that White's spleen was enlarged to such an extent that when the blow was given by George, the spleen was ruptured thereby producing death.

In consideration with above fact, the verdict of the Jury was that the deceased came to his death from blows inflicted by George Holden.

George made his escape immediately after giving the blow, and is still at large. George is a slave, and belongs to Mr. Thos. Holden, of this town. White was a free boy, and it is said came from Kittrell's Springs. It may not be improper to say that there was an old grudge between the two boys, which led to the fight on Saturday night.—Daily Journal, 29th inst.

DIED, at Grace Church Hospital, Alexandria, Va., on Saturday night, 17th inst., Col. Thos. Ruffin, 1st N. C. Cavalry. The letter which conveys this intelligence says he received every attention from the surgeon in charge and his attendants. His remains were deposited in a vault in the burial ground of the Methodist Protestant Church, subject to the order of his family in North Carolina.

Col. Ruffin was never married, but he leaves a mother and brothers and sisters to mourn his fall. We assure them they have the sympathies of all who love the cause for which their relative sacrificed his life.

MARRIED.

On the 27th inst., by Joe. Robinson, Esq., Mr. JOHN MOORE to Miss JULIA A. HUGHS, of this county.

DIED.

October 15, 1863, at Camp Winder Hospital, Richmond, Va., of dysentery, J. A. TREDAWAY, Co. H, 43d N. C. Troops, in the 21st year of his age.

In this case, on the 12th of July, 1863, W. H. K. McBride, of apoplexy, aged 6 years 4 months and 17 days. He was a fair and lovely little flower in life, and in death he was still beautiful. Within that little susceptible bosom beat a pure angelic heart, unspotted and uncontaminated by the brightening breath of sin. Although tender in years he was ever loving, ever affectionate. Thus his bright and lovely flower, taken from this unhappy world and transplanted to the garden of Eden, there to bloom and flourish forever at his Saviour's side. Well may his parents exclaim that he was precious to them—but they can rejoice to know that he is in a fairer and happier world than this, where sorrows never enter. He will no more grieve them here on earth; but ever awaits in the promised land to bid them welcome there.

Everwell then, my sweet little angel. Rest forever in thy pure heaven above.

From sin and sorrow free,
An offering due to heaven;
For this blest end the child was born,
Just lent—it was not given. W. H. K.

SUNDAY SCHOOL.

GORDIALLY INVITE THE CHILDREN OF Wadesboro, and their parents, and all others interested to assemble in Temperance Hall, on Sunday afternoon next, at 2 o'clock. The design is to open a Sunday school to meet at that hour, thereafter.

CHAS. W. FENTON.

Notice.

THE CONFEDERATE TAXES HAVE NOW BECOME due and payable. I will attend at the following times and places for the purpose of receiving the same:

- At Smith's on Tuesday, the 1st December next.
- Lileville, Wednesday, 2d.
- Morven, Thursday, 3d.
- Gallidge's, Friday, 4th.
- White's Store, Saturday, 5th.
- Gum Spring, Monday, 7th.
- Lanesboro, Tuesday, 8th.
- Diamond Hill, Wednesday, 9th.
- Burnsville, Thursday, 10th.
- Coyot Hill, Friday, 11th.
- Beverly, Saturday, 12th.
- Wadesboro, Monday, 14th.

In the meantime, I am ready to receive the tax from whom you may choose to pay, at any time.

Tax payers are also specially notified that all persons who neglect to pay within, or at the times above specified, will be liable to TEN PER CENT ADDITIONAL TAX, which it is made my duty to collect.

Specific tax payers failing to render in to the Assessors their quarterly returns from 1st July to 1st October, will have to pay double tax.

N. T. LILES, Collector.

Nov. 3, 254-54

For District of Anson.

Military Election.

AN ELECTION WILL BE HELD IN WADESBORO, on Saturday next, at 11 o'clock, to fill the vacancies in Co. "A," 39th Battalion N. C. Home Guards.

Managers, Capt. J. P. Ratliff, Lieut. A. Biles,
By order of E. R. LILES,
Major Commanding.

C. B. LINDSEY, Adjutant. 255-3t

100,000 POUNDS OF TOBACCO AT AUCTION!

WILL EXPOSE TO PUBLIC SALE FROM ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND TO TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS OF MANUFACTURED TOBACCO, at my Store in Salisbury, N. C., on the 17th of November, 1863.

JOHN F. FOARD.

October 17, 1863.