

THE EXTRA SESSION.

The President has issued his Proclamation, which we copy below, requiring Congress to convene in May next. Immediately after the meeting of the last Congress, Mr. Clay took occasion, in his place in the Senate, to make his proclamation to the same effect, excepting that the exact time was not designated.

The first question naturally occurring is—for what purpose has this extraordinary Session been called? We look to the Proclamation for an answer, but there is none there, no explanation except the indistinct assurance that "sundry important and weighty matters, principally growing out of the condition of the revenue and finances of the country appear" to call for it.

The movement will be attended with immense expense to the country, and that too at a time when this same party are bemoaning the low state of the Treasury, and making professions of their desire for reform and economy.

These are the intentions they dare not openly avow before the country, hence the lofty, brief, and in absolute assurance of the Proclamation, that "sundry important and weighty matters call for the convening of Congress, &c."

By the President of the United States of America. A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas sundry important and weighty matters, principally growing out of the condition of the revenue and finances of the country, appear to me to call for the consideration of Congress at an earlier day than its next annual session, and thus form an extraordinary occasion, such as renders necessary, in my judgment, the convening of the two Houses as soon as may be practicable, I do, therefore, by this my Proclamation, convene the two Houses of Congress, to meet in the Capitol at the City of Washington, on the last Monday, being the thirty-first day of May next.

Done at the city of Washington, this seventeenth day of March, in the year of our [L. S.] Lord one thousand eight hundred and forty-one, and of the Independence of the United States the sixty-fifth.

W. H. HARRISON. By the President: DANIEL WEBSTER, Secretary of State.

The work of proscription begun.—The axe is already wielded and "off with his head" will soon be the order concerning every office-holder who has dared heretofore to express his opinions as a freeman against Harrisonism.

The work was begun at Washington the day after the inauguration by dismissing Dr. Martin, Chief Clerk in the State Department, to make room for a son of Mr. Webster the Secretary.

The next blow fell on Mr. Goach the Postmaster at Richmond, Virginia, who was removed and his place bestowed on a partisan of the administration greatly to the dissatisfaction of the citizens, it is said, who desired the appointment of another man.

We observe the nomination of the Hon. J. R. Daniel late Attorney General of the State; as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the Halifax District, in place of Mr. Bynum, declined. W. W. Cherry, Esq., of Bertie county is the Federal candidate.

LOSSES BY BANKS.

The Bank party of the country composed of the capitalists and money men are in the habit of bringing all objections to their chartered monopolies with the plea of the great "convenience" in currency and exchange which they afford to the community, a convenience for which they seem to consider the people so heavily indebted, and really obligated, as to leave them no right to complain of the manifold abuses of the system.

By a statement of Mr. Woodbury late Secretary of the Treasury, made to Congress last session, we are placed in possession of valuable facts and information relating to the operation of the Banking system, that are really astounding in their developments.

This estimate comprehends only the immediate and direct losses of the people, from broken Banks, depreciation in notes, suspensions, &c.—there are many, very many evils besides, moral and political, which no man can compute, but which this country is now groaning under.

These are some of the costs which the people have to pay for the privilege of using Bank paper promises, redeemable at the pleasure of rich moneyed associations. The tax is like the Tariff burden, an indirect one, but one the less a tax than it is levied on an investment of every man's property, yet which the Democratic party object to, when they complain of its injustice and rotteness, and go for reforming the abuses of the system, the Bank men raise a panic, cry, and denounce them as loco-focos and disorganizers, because they are unwilling to see the country thus taxed to add to the profits of overgrown capitalists and exclusive monopolies.

These things have been, but the time for legalized robbery under the name of Banking, has passed by. The long plundered people of this country are beginning to see the game which has been played to tax and fleece them—the day of retribution is near at hand.

The New York Sun has the following good bit at the United States Bank:

Obituary Extraordinary.—Died, on Wednesday last, the Bank of the United States, in the 25th year of her age. She has been in a declining state for several years, and was advised by the celebrated Dr. Jackson to withdraw in retirement, but being of an active disposition, and influenced by Dr. Biddle, was induced to practice extreme exercise, whereby she injured herself in attempting to lift a great quantity of cotton, which induced an over circulation of the great an artery.

Mare of Congressional dignity and decency.—We had hoped that the disgraceful scenes which have lowered the character of Congress in the eyes of the country and the world, would be at least confined to the House of Representatives. Nothing of the kind occurring there would now excite surprise, but it seems the Senate too, has become an arena for bullying and bravado.

The dead "monster."—The stock of the defunct United States Bank is down to 15, and no sales at that. It is now understood to be as dead as its worst enemies ever wished it to be, and like all fallen majesties is being kicked on all sides.

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THE INAUGURAL.

The official organ of the new Administration and the Federal presses generally, are lavish and even adulatory in their praise of President Harrison's Inaugural, as one of the most original (this we grant, it is Harrison throughout) plain, classical, (save the mark!) and satisfactory state papers ever written.

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VIRGINIA AND NEW YORK.

The Legislature of Virginia have passed a "Bill to prevent Citizens of New York from carrying slaves out of the Commonwealth, and to prevent the escape of persons charged with the commission of any crime."

The law requires nothing more than an inspection of all New York vessels before leaving the ports of Virginia, and is to be and continue in force from the 1st of May next, with the proviso, that it may be suspended by the Governor until the end of the succeeding Legislature, "whenever he shall be officially informed that the Executive of New York shall have bona fide consented to comply with the demand of the Executive of this State for the surrender of Peter Johnson, Edward Smith, and Isaac Gausey as fugitives from justice."

The Hon. John Hill of the Stokes District declines a re-election to Congress. Office Beggars.—The number of these patriots swarming in Washington City like the locusts of Egypt, continued at the last accounts still undiminished.

The following notice of the President's "classical" inaugural, is from the New York Sun an able neutral paper.

The Inaugural Address.—This document we laid before our readers yesterday. We have but little to say in regard to it, except that we are disappointed in not finding in it the least indication of what is to be the specific course of policy of the new Administration. It says not a word as to the proper means of restoring the currency to soundness—not a word for or against a National Bank—not a word in reference to the Public Lands—not a word in relation to our difficulties with Great Britain—not a word in relation to a General Bankrupt Law—and gives not a single intimation in regard to an Extra Session of Congress.

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TEXAS.

An Act has lately passed the Texian Congress to "except slaves in the possession or ownership of the bona fide master, heir or heirs, legatees or legatees, or any intestate or deceased person, from forced sale by virtue of any writ of *cred. ex. ff. fa.* or execution of any kind."

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FOR THE WESTERN CAROLINIAN.

Extract from the Minutes of the Presbytery of Concord.

At the stated sessions of the Presbytery of Concord, on the 11th instant, after the free conversation of the state of religion, the following Resolution was adopted, viz:

"Whereas it appears, from the statement made by the members of Presbytery, that the state of vital piety, within our bounds, is discouragingly, if not alarmingly, low;—therefore,

Resolved, That it be earnestly recommended to the Pastors and Churches under our care, to observe the Sabbath before the first Sabbath in April next, as a day of special fasting, humiliation, and prayer;—that each Pastor be enjoined to preach a sermon on that day, inquiring into the causes and remedies of this state of things; and that the Ruling Elders of the churches be affectionately urged to co-operate diligently with the Pastors in special efforts to improve the state of religion within their respective bounds."

S. WILLIAMSON, Stated Clerk. From the Correspondent of the Charleston Mercury.

The U. S. steamer Beaufort, is just in from Florida, bringing us the following interesting letter from one of our correspondents:

FLORIDA, March 4, 1841.

GENTLEMEN: Another flower is added to the wreath that decks the brow of our gallant, but abused little army in Florida. The battle of Orange Creek by Lieut. Albertis, fought day before yesterday, though a small one, is seldom surpassed in skill, brave and determined perseverance.

This caused the woods around to ring with their yells and brought upon him what was evidently the whole band of Aleck Tustenuggie, long known to number from 70 to 100 warriors. Lieut. A. and his men returned the "war whoop" with imitated Indian ferocity, and thus the battle raged for half an hour, when the Indians took to the hammock, leaving Lieut. A., as he supposed, master of the field—but it was a ruse to cut him off from the Fort, as the Indians, stretched across in his rear, soon attacked him with redoubled effort, but were again driven to the hammock, with considerable loss, as several were seen to fall and be carried off.

By order of R. W. LONG, Col. Com'dt. J. M. Brown, Adj't. P. S.—Captains are ordered to make their returns on the way of Drill.

Attention! SALISBURY GUARDS. YOU are hereby commanded to parade at the Court House, in the Town of Salisbury, on Friday, the 23rd day of April, at 8 o'clock, A. M. armed according to law and equipped in the uniform of the Company, with four rounds of Cartridge, for Review and Inspection.

Attention! POLITICAL NEWSPAPER TO BE ENTITLED THE EXTRA STANDARD, THOMAS LORING, Editor.

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Yours truly,

MARRIED.

In this County, on the 15th instant, by the Rev. Samuel Rothrock, Mr. HENRY A. WALTON to Miss ANN, daughter of Mr. Henry Trexler.

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In this County, on the 16th instant, by the Rev. Samuel Rothrock, Mr. JOHN LINGLE to Miss MARGARET PEELER.

Recently, in Randolph County, by Jeremiah Cooper, Esq., Mr. JAMES THAYER to Miss ANNA, daughter of Mr. Jonathan Stader.

Salisbury Female Academy.

THE second session of this Institution will commence on Monday, March 29th, still under the care of Miss Baker, assisted by her sister Miss Mary L. Baker. Terms, \$8, 10, 12 50 for the different classes. Music on the Piano and Guitar, \$25 each. Drawing and painting \$10.

Pupils charged from the time of entrance, but no deduction made afterwards for absence. Salisbury, March 26, 1841.

State of North Carolina, IREDELL COUNTY.

Superior Court of Law, Spring Term, 1841. Elizabeth A. Wilson vs. James Wilson. Petition for Divorce.

IT appearing to the satisfaction of the Court that the Defendant James Wilson is not an inhabitant of this State: It is therefore ordered by the Court, that publication be made for three months in the Carolina Watchman and Western Carolinian, that the said James Wilson appear at the next Superior Court of Law, to be held at the Court House in Statesville, on the 3rd Monday after the 3rd Monday in August next, then and there to answer, or said Petition will be heard ex parte, and judgment ordered accordingly.

Witness, Sam'l. R. Bell, Clerk of our said Court at Statesville, the 3rd Monday after the 3rd Monday in February, A. D., 1841. S. R. BELL, Clk. March 26, 1841.

HEAD-QUARTERS, SALISBURY, N. C., MARCH 5, 1841.

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