

We thought at the time that we placed a proper estimate upon the action of the Chicago Convention in nominating McCLELLAN. We looked upon him as a war Democrat—as one very certain to carry on the war even more determinedly than LINCOLN. The platform meant little—the nomination of McCLELLAN explained the whole. It left no doubt upon our mind that the Chicago Convention was wholly under the control of the war Democrats. McCLELLAN's letter of acceptance confirms this impression. In that letter he says "the Union must be preserved at all hazards." "The re-establishment of the Union in all its integrity is and must continue to be the indispensable condition in any settlement." "The restoration of more than one government over the region which once owned our flag is incompatible with the peace, power and happiness of the people."

These extracts we make from a struggling and almost unintelligible synopsis of McCLELLAN's letter which has reached us by telegraph. We suppose the text of that letter in full will be along pretty soon, when we will give it. It all breathes the same tone. It is all for the Union. It makes no distinction, the indispensable condition of peace. It speaks of the address that had fallen fighting by his side for the Union, &c. It wipes out the last shadow of a shade of peace, or the prospect of peace, as consequent upon the success of the Chicago resolution. It must convince every man that we were correct in asserting, some time since, that men like VALLANDIGHAM, LONG, YONKERS, SEYMOUR OF CONNECTICUT, and FRANKLIN PIERCE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE, were for in defiance of the sentiment of their party. The Northern people are, no doubt tired of the war, but not prepared to end it on our conditions. The Northern Democrats simply wish to try a new policy. They will waver as well as fight. They will try to detach States from the Confederacy, by plausible talk and specious promises. They will keep before the people of the Southern States the idea of separate State action, and of negotiation with the States without regard to the legally constituted agent of the States for such purposes. This thing is preferred in the New York Herald as well as in McCLELLAN'S LETTER. In plain terms, McCLELLAN is pledged to accomplish by force or fraud that which LINCOLN has failed to do—to bring all the States under the Washington Government, and all the territory of the once United States under the folds of the "old flag."

We at the South can feel little interest in a contest between LINCOLN and McCLELLAN. They both regard us as tools used to an end to be prepared for the table. One wants to rust and the other wants to hold us. We object to either process. We don't care which of the cocks will win. If we have a preference, we think LINCOLN is the best success, and upon the whole we would prefer his success to that of McCLELLAN.

We notice that some of the Raleigh papers have already commenced the discussion of the senatorial question. The Legislature to meet this winter will have to elect a successor to Mr. Denton.

It would appear that Governor VANCE is to be brought forward as a candidate for the Senate, and, no doubt his large vote for Governor will be urged as a reason why he should also be made Senator. Now, for our part, we don't see to see in that way. We seem to think with Andrew Ward, "a waggler" notice, that every man has his forte—that not long since it was claimed that Mr. VANCE'S forte was to be Governor of North Carolina, and it was the vote of many thousands of people to vote for his reelection to that office over Mr. Holden. The people chose him for Governor and not for Senator. They voted for him as Governor under peculiar and well-known circumstances. Being chosen as Governor, Mr. VANCE'S services are due to the people of the State, not that office.

But we regard the discussion of this question as premature, and only refer to it at all at this time because it has already received mention in sundry papers, and because we wish in the beginning to direct attention to certain considerations that we think ought not to be lost sight of.

NEW PEOPLE have ever borne trials with as firmness and a finer spirit than the people of this Confederacy. What further trials they may yet have to endure conscience can alone foresee.

But this firmness must be blessed with want of sensibility. The people bear their trials firmly because they are resolved to bear all the trials which war can bring, rather than submit to dishonor or subjugation. The cause which the state of the country impress upon all—the political and social of responsibility which weighs down those in authority must be apparent to the most casual observer. Thought and anxiety have set their impress upon all, and during the last three years, their graves have been actually grown old to these times that have of time ought to call for under other circumstances. Before the war most of our leading military men had dark hair. Now all seem to have grown more or less gray. The same cause tell upon our leading civilians. The Confederacy is young but its people are getting old faster than those of any other country in the world, Poland not excepted.

We have spoken of the man of the country because they are necessarily and properly more in the public eye, but who shall say that wearing days and weeks and months of anxiety do not set their seal upon the face of the mother, the wife or the sister who sits lonely at home, thinking of the loved ones who are exposed to the sickness of the camp and the balls of the enemy, whose heart throbs and whose eyes grow dim when a list of killed and wounded is published, let one dear familiar name should appear among the dead or the sufferers?

GEOFF P. MORRIS, now unhappily no more, made a good deal of capital by his poetical request to a certain "woodman" to "spare that tree." We fear that more than one woodman in our country will make more capital this year by neither sparing "that tree" nor the buyer of the cord wood sticks into which it may be divided. For our part, we would reverse the words of the song and say "Woodman don't spare that tree" nor the other ones. Cut them down and bring them to market, but oh, spare the poor buyers in town! Sell the fuel for a little less than its weight in Confederates—let the saints and the sinners here in Wilmington have something to keep the vital warmth in their bodies for a while longer. Let them have a stick now and then to cook their victuals. It won't require much for that purpose. Upon the whole, we say we would sing if we knew how—Woodman cut that tree, spare not a single bow, in winter we will need it all, we want a little now.

This statement which has appeared in some of the papers relative to the withdrawal of the British troops from Canada, seems about to be confirmed in practice. The Toronto (Canada West) Leader, has good authority for stating that orders have been received from the home government to the effect that the stations in Canada West (with the exception of Kingston and one battalion of infantry retained at Kingston as a temporary arrangement) are to be vacated by the troops this autumn.

THE NEW YORK HERALD of the 30th ult., has an editorial headed "The New Plan of Peace"—How to divide the South," in which it distinctly recommends the policy of instituting negotiations with the States separately, for the purpose of detaching them from the Confederacy. It even goes so far as to indict North Carolina as a State favorably situated for the purpose of being experimented upon. It says it has a report that a majority of the recently elected legislature are in favor of reunion, and knows that Governor VANCE is not altogether well affected towards JEFF. DAVIS—"If the President were to send Commissioners to him to negotiate in regard to North Carolina alone, we feel confident that they would be gladly received, and that much good would come of it." We have given the Herald's own words in the parts included between quotation marks. It further says "Let us divide the Confederacy and split up the rebel armies by negotiating separately with the seceded States."

We might quote more, but what we have quoted is sufficient for our purpose, which is not to agree with the Herald's statements in regard to the State at large or to her Governor and Legislature, but to remark that the Herald, an arch enemy to our cause, recommends the same policy to be employed against us that some politicians in this State advocated so strongly this year and last. We allude to separate State negotiations or other separate State action looking to peace. The Herald takes the same view of it that every man with his eyes open must take of it—that its only result would be to divide the Confederacy and split up its armies.

It was by such tampering and paltering that Kentucky, Maryland and Missouri were either lost or paralyzed, and are now bound neck and foot to the car of the usurping despotism at Washington. Had the people of those States stood up manfully and at once, the independence of the South would have been virtually achieved by that very act. They hesitated and have their reward in being trampled upon by the vilest of the abolition crew.

We can hardly say with the poet that the melancholy days are come, the saddest of the year; but they are close at hand; already some of the trees—the cypresses for instance—begin to look rusty and yellow, and the near advent of fall is announced by many unmistakable signs.

We think upon the whole that the sickliest season of the year is about come, and the greatest care will be required to preserve the health of the community. Climatic diseases of a febrile character are now apt to be prevalent, and few are without something of a turn.—We certainly know a good many people who are sick, or at least far from well. People in the morning awake with a suspicion of rusty copper cents in their mouths, and a sense of nervous irritability inconsistent with the most perfect good temper. Personally we feel as if we could bite several ten-penny nails in two, were not the price of nails so high as to deprive us from the enjoyment of that luxury.

The weather, however, is beautiful, exceedingly.—Cool and bracing in the morning and evening, the atmosphere becomes mild and genial during the day, while the sky is as blue and cloudless as those fabled Elysian heavens that we read about in books. There is just enough breeze to stir the air pleasantly, but not to raise the dust.

The contrasts between outward nature and human feelings are among the mysteries of existence, which none of us, perhaps, are able perfectly to understand.—Statistics prove that suicides are twice as numerous in Paris during the glorious month of July as during the gloomy month of December; more frequent in "gray and festive" Paris than in gloomy and foggy London. We hardly remember to have ever been very seriously sick or deeply depressed during cold and wintry weather. We never saw pestilence walk abroad save in bright and balmy seasons, and we can remember, though not with any great minuteness, the ravages of the Asiatic Cholera, and more recently of Yellow Jack on our own shores. And what weather we had! We found it difficult to realize the facts to which our own experience here witness.

And the sufferer in the hospital, sinking upon a bed of pain,—he looks up to the glorious skies, feeling that the same rich azure over-arches his home, where dwell the loved ones for whom he has suffered and bled, and whose prayers have accompanied him to the battle-field, and who wishes himself once more there and at rest. It is a fond fancy that the skies sympathize with human suffering, or weep for human sorrow. The skies smile, as brightly upon the ruin of a people as upon their salvation, and shed their tears alike upon the just and the unjust, upon the oppressor and upon the oppressed. There is another and a better world, and all things will yet be set right; but in this world there is no attempt at poetic justice, nor does Providence vindicate its ways to man.

THE LADIES OF KENNESVILLE for the Benefit of the Ladies' Aid Society.

The ladies of Kennesville and the surrounding country, will give a Pic Nic, with an Evening's Entertainment, at Kennesville, on Thursday, the 15th instant.

A special train will leave Goldsboro' at 5 o'clock on Thursday morning, and will stop at the different stations for all who may feel disposed to join in this praiseworthy undertaking. We suppose a similar train will leave Wilmington for Magnolia, the depot nearest to Kennesville.

The cause in which it commends itself to all, and therefore needs no commendation from us. Any one who has ever visited the pleasant village of Kennesville and mingled with its kind and hospitable people, will require nothing more to assure him or her of a delightful time, than to know that the picnic is under the auspices of the ladies of Kennesville and the surrounding country. What old Duplin does, she does well.

OKRA.

Mr. HONORS of Brunswick county, on Saturday gave some specimens of Okra grown on his place in that county, which far surpass anything of the kind we have ever seen. Several are fully a foot long and stout in proportion. They are also tender and good to eat—fully as good as the common Okra, if not better. He calls the variety the African Okra. We presume our people will have an opportunity of trying the new vegetable, as Mr. Honors will probably send some to market.

EXPERIMENTS with Sorghum Sugar Cane, and Treatise on the Manufacture of Syrup and Sugar. (Revised from the edition published by Hedges, Free & Co., Cincinnati.) By J. W. Randolph, 121 Main Street, Richmond, Va. 1864.

This is a pamphlet of 60 pages, and seems to be likely to be very useful to our farmers. There is a great deal of Sorghum grown in North Carolina this year.

THE FALL OF ATLANTA does not seem to have had any great effect upon the price of gold in New York, which is only 15 1/2 below the highest-point it has ever reached, and that fall was irrespective of Atlanta, being confessedly due to the discussion of measures looking to peace, and to the anticipated result of the Chicago Convention.

The recent order by Sherman in regard to the white people of Atlanta, exceeds in barbarity all that the most barbarous war on the part of the North has yet produced, and leaves the achievements of Butler so far in the shade that they are no longer to be remembered. It is in perfect keeping with Sherman's avowed determination to root out or exterminate the white population of the Southern States, and is no doubt done with the full approval of Lincoln and his Secretary of War. It shows one thing conclusively—that there is no premium on submission, and nothing to be gained by taking the Lincoln oath.

THE NEW YORK TRIBUNE has advised from North Carolina that a "new pirate steamer," called the Olette, was about to leave the port of Wilmington, or perhaps had already left, and that she was considered the most formidable of all the vessels of this character.

Perhaps so. The Olette pirate is also remarkable for her speed. She goes faster than a wind-turtle. She actually does. She is heavily armed. We once saw a shot-gun aboard.

We forgot to state yesterday, that the September term of the Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions for this county commenced on Wednesday. We noticed a larger attendance of our friends than this and adjoining counties than we have seen for some time past.

THE FIGHT AT REAMS' STATION.

We have been favored with a letter from Captain M. G. CHERRY, 44th Regiment N. C. T., written to a near relative, and evidently not at all intended for publication, but showing by its unstudied utterances the spirit by which our soldiers are animated, better, perhaps, than the most elaborately prepared communication:

PETERSBURG, August 27th, 1864.

Dear ——— We are to-day resting for the first time since the 4th of May. The men are broken down and completely exhausted. On the evening of the 24th inst., we were ordered from the trenches and ordered to prepare for a march; about two hours before sunset we took up the line of march, for some point known only to our generals. Some said we were going to the Stony Creek, while others said we were going to Weldon. We marched nearly all night, sometimes going east, sometimes west; in fact I think we traveled in all directions. We camped a few hours before day, and crossed the river on the morning of the 25th, the march was again resumed. A portion of our force crossed the river, and our skirmishes were ordered to the front, and in a few minutes thereafter firing commenced. Upon inquiry I found we were in a short distance of the Petersburg and Weldon Rail Road, near Reams' station, and that the Yankees were there in strong force, with good fortifications. 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