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WRITTEN AT THE GRAVE OF GEN. J. P. PETTIGREW, OCT. 1, 1862.

Slaves, who are the struggle, The battle is unhush'd, Our standards have been lowered,

But here beside thee kneeling, Bright flowers, no tears, I give— They are treasures in my heart,

OUR CONFEDERATE DEAD.

What the Heart of a Young Girl Said to the Dead Soldier.

Unknown to me, brave boy, but still I weathe

Only know, I only care to know

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STATE NEWS.

THE NORTH CAROLINA FREEDMEN.—The Bureau has just received a report from the assistant commissioner of Freedmen Affairs for the State of North Carolina, which contains the following matters of interest: The number of destitute and dependent freedmen has been gradually reduced to such an extent that issues of rations may soon be discontinued. The demand for labor still greatly exceeds the supply. Notwithstanding this fact there are still large colonies of freedmen at Roanoke Island and Newbern who are not earning their support. The freedmen at Roanoke Island have been notified that they would receive no more supplies after May 1st, and strenuous efforts are being made to effect their removal. This is not the case with regard to the paupers about Newbern, on account of the prevalence of small-pox in that town. That malady is now decreasing, and Captain Seely, the local superintendent, has already rented a farm, upon which he intends to place some of the dependents, and require them to do something towards their own support. A pauper farm is in successful operation at Goldsboro, under the direction of Captain Glavis, assistant superintendent, and the freedmen's camp has, in consequence, been broken up.

At the Spring term of Union County Court, a white man named Michael Nash was tried for committing rape on a girl, his own cousin. The crime was committed 9 or 10 years ago, when the girl was only 12 years old, but the prisoner escaped and did not return to the State until recently. He was found guilty. J. H. Wilson, Esq., defended the prisoner, and the Solicitor and E. A. Thompson, Esq., prosecuted him. He was sentenced to be hanged on the 1st of June.

The Seaboard and Roanoke Railroad is taxed to its utmost to carry the freights from Norfolk to North Carolina and Eastern Virginia.

Northern and Southern companies are buying land in Chatham county, in which it is said oil abounds.

The wheat crop of the State is said to be very promising; the farmers are planting large crops of corn and cotton.

REMAINS OF GOV. ELLIS.—We learn that the remains of Gov. J. W. Ellis, who died in 1861, while in actual discharge of his Executive functions as Governor of the State, were removed, a few days since from the family cemetery, in Davidson county, to the cemetery of Salisbury. It is intended to erect a suitable memorial in honor of this eminent statesman and pure patriot.

RAILROAD.—The accomplished authoress of "The Last Ninety Days of the War in North Carolina," published in the *Wilmington*, gives the following graphic and life-like picture of the scenes in Raleigh, immediately preceding the entrance of Gen. Sherman's armies, on the morning of April 13th, 1865. Our citizens will recognize the exceeding faithfulness of the portraiture: "Every door was shut, every window-blind was closed. The same absence of all signs of life, the same death-like silence and air of desertion, the same precautions against intrusion, characterized Fayetteville street from the Capitol to the Palace. The very streets were deserted. In brief intervals that elapsed from the retreat of her protectors to the arrival of her foes, the beautiful city of Raleigh stood under the outburst of a thousand flags, embowered in the luxuriant shrubbery of a thousand garbs, still touched with vernal bloom and radiance—stood with folded hands and drooping heads in all the mortifying anguish of suspense, in a silence that spoke, awaiting her fate."

The North Carolina State Convention convenes, according to adjournment, on the fourth Thursday of the present month.

PARDON.—We learn from the Raleigh *Sentinel* that the Little of the *Wilmington* has received his pardon through the hands of Gov. Warren.

PERSONAL.—We had the pleasure of a visit, on yesterday, from the venerable Hon. Weldon N. Edwards, of Warren. We were gratified to see him looking remarkably well. Mr. Edwards warmly endorses the administration of Mr. Johnson. He thinks that our people should preserve a mild and dignified serenity, and carefully avoid doing anything that may interfere with the success of the wise and beneficent policy of the President.—*Sentinel*, 3d inst.

ABOUT TO RETURN.—We understand that a number of the gentry from this place, who had the Illinois fever so bad that it took them off like galloping consumption, are trying to get back to Raleigh.—*Progress*.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.—Last night at the North Carolina depot, a youth named Joseph Adams, son of Alex. Adams, deceased, was caught between two cars, which his jaw-bone was broken, and his head and face otherwise badly injured. He is, however, under the care of that excellent physician, Dr. Wm. H. McKee, and all is being done to relieve the sufferer that science can devise or sympathy suggest.—*Progress*, 2nd inst.

The Wadesborough *Aryus* learns that Gen. A. J. Dargan, of that place, has received and accepted an appointment of aid to the Governor, with the rank of Colonel.

BANK OF WADESBORO.—The annual meeting of the stockholders in this institution was held at the banking house in this place on Tuesday. Nothing of general interest was transacted except to elect a Board of Directors, which consists of the following gentlemen: S. W. Cole, Jas. A. Leak, W. G. Smith, J. R. Hargrave, H. B. Hammond, and J. White. Wadesboro' *Argus*.

THE CROPS.—Hon. Lewis Hanson, Editor of the *Salisbury*, writes to the *Wilmington* that he has just traveled through the mountains of Tennessee, and could have wished that so dire a fate would ever befall his beloved native State. In matters of dispute, it is not by swamp-gangs or ships of war that our countrymen are to be held in union, but by compromises and peace measures, proving the best right when he said that "the yoke is mightier than the sword."

GREENSBORO.—We learn from the *Patriot* that the ladies of Greensboro' are forming a society to bestow care upon the graves of Confederate dead at that place.

FIRE AT JAMESTOWN.—We regret to learn that the residence of Mrs. Field, in Jamestown, Guilford county, was destroyed by fire a few nights since, the result of an accident. There was \$800 insurance, but the loss sustained is much greater.

A GOOD ORDER.—Herald's Post of Raleigh, Raleigh, N. C., May 1, 1866. General Orders, No. 6. All officers, enlisted men and civil employees of the Government are hereby forbidden to drive or ride at a gallop or any other fast rate within the city of Raleigh.

PERSONAL.—Capt. J. Wall Wilson, is detached from the U. S. steamer *Naugatuck* and ordered to the command of the *Northerner* at Wilmington, and Med. Rosse, is promoted to the command of the *Naugatuck*. We lose an agreeable gentleman in Capt. Wilson, but have a very acceptable successor in Lieut. Rosse.

QUICK WORK.—A shoemaker in this town made a bot to-day, that he could cut and make a pair of shoes for a customer within three hours. He set to work and finished his job, having 17 minutes to spare. The shoes are neatly made and well finished.—*Goldsboro' News*.

NEWS SUMMARY.

RIOT IN FALMOUTH, VA.—A terrible riot occurred in Falmouth, Stafford County, Va., on the 29th ult., between the whites and negroes. Fifteen negroes were killed outright and a number wounded. One white man was mortally wounded, and three slightly. The riot created the most intense excitement, but, at latest accounts, order was partially restored.

ACTING PRIVATE SECRETARY FOR THE PRESIDENT.—Colonel Cooper, Congressman elect from Tennessee, is temporarily designated as the President's acting Private Secretary. He comes with an enviable reputation for his legal and business ability.

Certain evil disposed persons having sent a threatening letter to Dr. Wilson, the Principal of a freedmen's school at Columbus, Miss., the Common Council of that city, at a recent meeting, passed resolutions concerning the act, and guaranteeing protection to Dr. Wilson and his assistants, so long as they may conduct themselves with propriety in obedience to the laws of the land.

CONGRESS.—Mr. Howe, from the Library Committee, reported a joint resolution for the purchase of the library of James L. Pettigrew, of South Carolina, for the law library of Congress. A bill was passed authorizing the bridging of the Mississippi at Quincy, Illinois.

REFUSES TO ARBITRATE.—The President has recently refused the removal of a prominent postmaster in Indiana, who refuses to abdicate until his successor has been confirmed by the Senate. That body will probably not do so; and if not done, the Johnson appointee will appeal to the United States Court to put him in the place, and the question will be settled whether the President possesses the right to remove an office-holder and put another in his place without the consent of the Senate, while that body is in session.

The conservative papers of the North are exulting on the declining prospects of radicalism. The recent elections justify them in considering it as on the wane. A thorough union of all the elements opposed to the Sumner and Stevens tyranny would soon overthrow it.

THE CADIZ BANK ROBBERY CAUGHT.—WHEELING, April 30th.—The burglar engaged in the robbery of the Harrison National Bank of Cadiz, Ohio, was overtaken about two miles from Lagrange, Ohio, this afternoon, when a sharp encounter took place, in which one of the burglars was wounded and three captured. One succeeded in making his escape closely pursued. The amount of money recovered probably exceeds \$150,000.

The electric telegraph is to be introduced into China, and Dr. Magowan has been appointed to proceed forthwith, with his commission and engineer, to connect Peking with Canton. He will be accompanied by a staff of telegraphers, and will employ a system which he long ago advised, by which messages can be transmitted in hieroglyphic characters.

DECLINED TO HOLD A COURT.—The court of Nansemond county, Va., has refused to sit, because of the presence of one of the commissioners of the Freedmen's Bureau, who are sent to all courts South to see that justice is accorded to the nigger.

KENTUCKY.—A grand convention of the Democrats and Conservatives of Kentucky, was to organize at Louisville on the 1st inst. The hotels were greatly crowded on the previous day, by the delegates who had already arrived.

Judge Hook of the Georgia Superior Court has decided that "Greenbacks" are not a legal tender for debts contracted prior to Feb. 25, 1862, the date of the passage of the legal tender act.

Governor Jenkins, of Georgia, has issued an address in which he thanks the ladies of the Freedmen's Bureau, who are sent to all courts South to see that justice is accorded to the nigger.

The two European powers which are now eyeing each other with the glare of beligerents, can bring formidable armies into the field. When on a full war-footing the Austrian army consists of 579,000 men. The Prussian army, including the Landwehr, or militia, is composed of 568,150 men.

HON. C. C. CLAY.—The Norfolk *Virginian* publishes, with some very appropriate remarks, the following beautiful letter from Hon. C. C. Clay to two Federal officers who had charge of him in his captivity: "I may forget it, for I am but a man. The good God never will. May He reward your friendship, and I will be very truly, your friend, C. C. CLAY, JR."

CONTRIBUTIONS.—Mrs. Paul Ravesties, of Mobile, has collected \$1,208 in response to the appeal of the ladies of Winchester, Virginia, for pecuniary aid to collect and suitably reinter the remains of the Confederate soldiers who fell in the vicinity of that city.

SAD TO RELATE.—A negro woman employed on the plantation of a Mr. Welsh, in Pontotoc county, Mississippi, recently turned up missing, and upon searching her residence the corpses of her aged mother and four of her children were found. They had starved to death. The fifth child was at the point of death, but with proper care recovered. The mother was arrested and turned over to the Freedmen's Bureau. She said she was tired of supporting the brats, and had taken this means to get rid of them.

A DOCTOR EXPLODES HIS LABORATORY.—A terrible explosion occurred at St. Louis on the 20th ultimo, in Dr. W. O. Cornelius' dental office on North Fifth street, which shook the buildings in the whole neighborhood. The doctor's laboratory is on the second floor, where he was engaged in melting some vulcanized India rubber in an iron retort for dental purposes. Too much heat was applied, which caused the explosion.

It is proposed by the Quartermaster-General to establish three national cemeteries in the Department of Georgia, to which will be removed all the bodies of Union soldiers which do not now rest in graveyards or other permanent and decent places, viz: At Atlanta, Andersonville, and near Savannah or Milton. There are supposed to be about 30,000 bodies of Union soldiers in the Department of Georgia.

THE PRICE OF PAPER.—The Cincinnati *Gazette*, in the course of an article on paper manufacture, says: "So far as we know there has been no reduction in the price of paper. This the manufacturers manage to maintain, notwithstanding the fall in gold, and the perfection of a new discovery by which forest trees can be converted into pulp in five hours, and into paper ready for the printing press in ten hours. Before the war we bought good news print in this market at 84¢ per lb. The price is now, with gold at 125, 19¢. This is due to the notwithstanding inventions and discoveries, and the substitution of wood and straw for rags, paper is as high as when gold was 200, and more than double the price current before the war. Yet Congress hesitates about repealing the duty on foreign paper, and the paper manufacturers, in the face of the facts we have stated, contend that the 20 per cent. gold duty is necessary to their protection. But for this duty, paper would not command over 15 cents per lb to-day, and the publishers would be able to reduce their prices correspondingly, but while the gold is at 125, it will be in vain to look for relief from the use of straw and wood."

RELIGIOUS ITEMS.

THE NEW METHODIST BISHOPS.—We see a paragraph purporting to be a correct list of the names of the Bishops recently elected by the General Conference now in session at New Orleans. Strange to say, not one of the names is given correctly.—The following are the names of the Bishops: Rev. Wm. M. Wightman, D. D., of Greensboro' University, Alabama; Rev. E. M. Marvin, of Missouri; Rev. David S. Doggett, D. D., of Virginia, one of the editors of the *Episcopal Methodist*, of Richmond; and Rev. H. N. McTear, D. D., of Louisiana, editor of the *North Carolina Christian Advocate* prior to the suspension of that paper upon the occupation of Nashville by the Federal army during the war. They are all said to be able divines. We know Drs. Wightman and Doggett to be among the very ablest of their denomination in this country.

CHOLERA.—Bishop McVaino has proposed a prayer to avert the cholera, which will be read in all the congregations of the diocese of Ohio.

There are thirty-seven Protestant churches in Paris, with fifty-four pastors. Fifty years ago there was not one.

Wm. C. Peters, the celebrated composer of Church Music, died last week in Cincinnati.

There is a split in the Nashville Presbytery. Rev. James King, of Bristol, and another gentleman have withdrawn to found a Presbyterian theological seminary.

A South Carolina Mission Conference has been organized by Bishop Baker, of the M. E. Church, South.

Roman's "Life of Jesus," an infidel work, was solemnly burnt in the streets by the priests of Rome.

A preacher who styles himself the "Camp Meeting Napoleon," nearly caused a riot last week in Concord, N. H.

METHODIST PROTESTANT GENERAL CONFERENCE.—This body of ministers and laymen delegates from the various annual conferences of the Methodist Protestant Church, began its session in the Congress Street Church, Georgetown, D. C., last week. The principal officers are: President from North Carolina, Maryland and Virginia.

The Conference was called to order by Dr. L. W. Batchelor, on whose motion Rev. W. H. Willis of North Carolina, was called to the chair, and Mr. J. G. Gentry appointed Secretary *pro tem*.

The Reconstruction Plans and the Next Presidential Election.—Partisan Favor of the President's Policy, &c. (Correspondence of the Baltimore Sun.)

WASHINGTON, May 1. The bearing of the new Republican project of reconstruction upon the next Presidential election will be regarded with much interest by all parties. Should the President's plan of restoration prevail, the eleven Southern States would be represented by loyal men at once, and these would be in full participation with other States of all rights as members of the Union. But these States, it is contended by the Republicans, would, with the aid of one or two semi-rebel States, as they choose the eleven Southern States would be represented by men who are always ready to be demoralized, give a majority of electoral votes for a candidate who would be nominated in opposition to the candidate of the Republican party.

Congress will, therefore, persist in measures to defeat that content the eleven Southern States are in the Union for some purposes and are acknowledged to be so by two out of three branches of the Federal Government. These States may, and probably will choose presidential electors, according to the provisions of the existing constitutions. When the vote is counted, it will belong to the President *pro tem*, of the Senate to count votes as he pleases, and declare the result. He would either act with his party or not. In either way, if the result be affected by his decision, a political crisis would arise.

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PERSONAL.

President Lincoln died on the fourth anniversary of the day he issued his proclamation calling for 75,000 volunteers—April 15, 1861.

Judge Lucas P. Thompson, of the Supreme Court of Appeals, one of the ablest of Virginia's jurists and prelate of her sons, died in Staunton on Saturday.

Millard Fillmore approves President Johnson's policy, in a private letter to him. The *Tribune* adds that he was a friend to the South throughout the war.

The Rev. Mr. Minnigerode, of Richmond, spent Thursday with Ex-President Jefferson Davis, administering the sacrament, &c. Mr. Clay was not allowed to say a parting word to his fellow prisoners.

General Lee's name does not appear in the list of Southern officers who have applied to the President for pardon.

The President has specially pardoned Gen. Harry Hays, of Louisiana.

A young lady just out of her teens is the Latin and Greek Professor of a Kansas college.

General Grant is to sit for a bust to Franklin Simmons, a young sculptor from Boston, who has a studio in Washington.

General Frank Blair has rented a cotton plantation near Vicksburg.

Captain James D. Johnson, (late) Confederate States Navy, has become one of the editors and proprietors of the *Mobile Tribune*.

General Wheeler is about to be made Superintendent of the Montgomery and Eufla Railroad.

Mr. C. L. Vallandigham is making a visit to Washington, his first for several years.

Rev. J. L. M. Curry, formerly a distinguished member of Congress, is now an ordained minister of the Baptist Church, and the President of Howard College, Alabama.

Seventeen Massachusetts Colonels were killed during the war.

Volk, the Chicago sculptor has finished a bust of Mr. Lincoln, to be exhibited at the Paris Exposition.

RESPECT TO THE GALLANT DEAD.—When the corpse of Gen. Robt. Hutton, late of the Confederate Army, was being carried through the streets of Nashville, the other day, a group of United States officers, who happened to be near the line of procession, raised a great commotion, and until the remains had passed them, General Hutton fell in the bloody struggle of Seven Pines, below Richmond.

The Harrisburg *Telegraph* is informed that ex-President Buchanan intends taking the stump for Clymer, the Democratic nominee for Governor of Pennsylvania.

The friends of Admiral Raphael Semmes have placed him in nomination for Judge of the Probate Court for Mobile County. He will, of course be elected.

Miss Augusta J. Evans, of Mobile, is taking an active part in the raising of funds to protect the graves of Confederate soldiers who fell during the war.

A New Orleans letter says that Hon. J. P. Benjamin has already taken rank as a good first-class lawyer in England, and that he will settle there permanently.

GENERAL FOREST BAILED.—General Forrest has been admitted to bail in the sum of ten thousand dollars, in Yazoo city, without any preliminary investigation into the killing of the negro, on his plantation.