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NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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The Explosion at Argyle. We learn that two of the men injured by the explosion of Mr. J. E. Eldridge's steam saw mill...

Magistrate's Courts. Before Justice Wm. M. Harris: Sarah Ann Merrick, charged with the false imprisonment of J. A. Ashe...

Mayor's Court. The following cases were disposed of yesterday morning: David Price, Ellis Merrick, Joe Davis...

Bank Stock at Auction. ON TOMORROW (SATURDAY) MORNING, at 12 o'clock, we will sell, at Exchange Corner...

32 Shares Capital Stock 1st National Bank of Wilmington, N. C.

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RESOLUTIONS OF N. C. LEGISLATURE CONCERNING cotton tax reported on unfavorably in Congress. Sub-committee go to New Orleans to investigate Durell.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES. THURSDAY, Dec. 18. On motion of Mr. Paschall, the resolution instructing the Judiciary Committee to consider the propriety of establishing a Bureau of Statistics and Immigration, was taken up and adopted.

On motion of Mr. Brown, of Mecklenburg, the bill in relation to providing arms for military schools, was taken up.

After considerable debate, Mr. Dula moved to postpone until January 15th, which was put to a vote and rejected.

Mr. Bowman moved to postpone until the 14th of January. The yeas and nays were called and the motion was rejected by a vote of yeas 40, nays 45.

The bill then passed its second reading by a vote of yeas 57, nays 43. On motion of Mr. Bennett, the rules were suspended, and the bill to add certain sections to Battle's Revisal, was taken up and passed its several readings.

On motion of Mr. Norment, the bill regulating the terms of the Superior Courts in the 4th Judicial District, was taken up.

Mr. Bowman moved to indefinitely postpone. Mr. Gorman moved to adjourn. On the motion to adjourn the yeas and nays were called, and the motion to adjourn was defeated by a vote of yeas 29, nays 68.

Mr. Bennett called the previous question. On the call for the previous question the yeas and nays were called, on the demand of Mr. Bowman, and the call was sustained by a vote of yeas 54, nays 42.

The question recurred upon Mr. Bowman's motion to indefinitely postpone, which was put to a vote and rejected. Yeas 38, nays 53.

The question recurred on the bill on its second reading, and it passed, yeas 59, nays 21. Mr. Gorman moved to reconsider the vote.

Mr. Johnston moved to lay that motion on the table. Pending the further consideration of the matter the House adjourned.

Spirits Turpentine. Wilson county has the tournament craze. U. S. Circuit Court at Raleigh has adjourned.

Wilson boasts a bale of cotton weighing 900 lbs. Bishop Lyman preaches in Fayetteville to-morrow.

Winston will soon have 10 tobacco factories in operation. The Gazette praises the performance of the Bergers in Fayetteville.

The Fay Eagle learns that Mr. H. K. Hall, of Harnett, killed a grade Chester hog weighing 698 lbs.

The Piedmont Press, one of the most flourishing papers in the State, is offered for sale. Address, Hussey & Avery, Hickory, N. C.

Wilson Advance: A white woman, named Mary Jane Johnson, was brought to town yesterday charged with the murder of her infant child. Owing to her feeble condition she was allowed to return home.

Wilson Advance: There are at this time over 700 bales of cotton held in Wilmington for want of transportation. We should think the high and exorbitant rates charged for freight from this point would at least justify the railroad authorities in furnishing cars when needed.

Ral. News: The decision of Judges Brooks and Bond in the Swazey-North Carolina Railroad case was filed on Thursday evening, favoring the railroad, rather refusing to grant the order for the sale of State stock to pay the accrued interest on the bonds of the road.

Fay Gazette: Our town looked bright and stirring yesterday and the day before. The streets were full of carts, wagons and people, and the air was filled with a good deal of activity. Cotton sold as high as 14 cents, ranging, according to quality, from 12 1/2 up to the first named figures.

Winston Sentinel: Elish Peacock was arrested in Yadkinville on last Saturday week by the Sheriff of Ashe county for killing a man whose name we are unable to learn. The difficulty occurred about a young woman when Peacock stabbed his rival, who died in a few minutes. Peacock is about 18 years old and lives in Yadkin county.

Bishop Lyman may be expected to visit the following Churches and Stations at the times indicated below. At all visitations, the collections made will be appropriated to Diocesan Missions: Franklinton, January 17th, 1874; Louisburg, 18th; Kirtland, 20th; Oxford, 22d; Williamsboro, 24th; Henderson, 25th; Ridgeway, 27th; Warrenton, 28th; Gaston, 29th; Jackson, February 1st, and Weldon, 2nd.

Winston Sentinel: An old red fox near Sandy Ridge, in Stokes county, has been "too many" for the hounds in that section for a long time, and had distanced his pursuers in sixteen square races, and the sportsmen had come to the conclusion that he could not be caught, when last week Carlos and Coleman Ziglar, of this county, took their packs over and after a race of six hours, through two States and four counties, they strung him, and now his hide gracefully ornaments the gable end of Coleman's house, a trophy of victory, and an evidence of the superiority of his dogs over Sandy Ridge stock.

Job Printing: We call the attention of merchants, clerks of courts, sheriffs, lawyers, railroad and steamship officers and agents, and all others having orders for printing, to the facilities offered at the Mountain State Printing Establishment for the prompt and faithful execution of all kinds of Job Printing. We can furnish at short notice Cards, Bill-Heads, Letter-Heads, Programmes, Ballots, Checks, Pamphlets, Tags, Blank Bills, Catalogues, Bills of Fare, Show-Bills, Checks, Drafts, &c., &c. Satisfaction guaranteed.

COL. WADDELL ON THE BACK PAY.

He Discusses the Resolutions of the Legislature of North Carolina. WASHINGTON, Dec. 14, 1873. Dr. W. H. Haverhill, Secretary of State:

DEAR SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a copy of certain resolutions adopted by the Legislature of North Carolina, duly certified by you, expressive of the sense of that body in regard to the action of Congress in passing the act of March 3, 1873, relative to the salaries of Senators and Representatives.

As there is no resolution requesting the Representatives from North Carolina to present the resolutions to Congress, I apprehend that you forward them to me only as an act of courtesy and information. If I thought you had been instructed to forward them, this communication would have been addressed to those who instructed you.

It is gratifying to me that even the consideration of those vital questions which affect the credit and character of the people of North Carolina, and upon the settlement of which their future prosperity almost entirely depends, should be made to yield to the higher question of national honor and the integrity of the Congressional salary bill. Republican institutions are said to rest solely on the virtue and intelligence of the people, and therefore to lose no exercise the most assiduous guardianship over their fundamental elements of free government are the trust friends of the people. If their motives are questioned, as seems to be inevitable, they can at least console themselves with the reflection that in their own regard, they are not less than the most virtuous and intelligent of the people.

I regret, however, that the instance I am compelled to the conclusion that the resolutions of the Legislature can only be justified upon the very doubtful theory that the moral law kept pace with the material progress of the country, and that the political ethics of modern State legislatures are purer and higher than those of the fathers of the Republic and all their successors down to the year of grace '73. The members of the Legislature had that same right to pass these resolutions as the members of an assembly of citizens elsewhere had, but no more. They could give no greater force or dignity to their sentiments, by reason of their position, than the same number of their fellow-citizens entrusted with the responsibilities of office could give to theirs, only as the utterance of a respectable number of gentlemen their resolutions are entitled to consideration. I have considered them, and in the exercise of my right as a freeman and of my duty as a citizen, I am responsible to the Legislature, but to the people of the Third Congressional district, I shall make such response to them as seems to me to be proper.

The first resolution alleges that the action of Congress was indefinite in its character and tended to bring our Government into disrepute. That is a very plain statement. Is it true? Let us see. What is the principle involved? If there is one it must be either a legal or a moral principle. There can be no other kind of principle in a case. The legal principle is established by the Constitution, or it does not exist. The Constitution expressly and exclusively vests in Congress the power to fix the compensation of its members during their term of service. They can fix it at any rate during their term--the first, the middle, or the last day of the term, and at any rate they choose. The Party-second Congress, therefore, had a legal right to do what they did--a Constitutional right which they had as much as any person who would deny this is not fit to be a legislator anywhere. Very well, their legal right is established. Let us now examine the moral right. What principle of morals did they violate? And how did their action tend to bring our Government into disrepute? Admitting the moral superiority of men elected by the people to the Legislature of North Carolina over men elected by the people to the Congress of the United States, it is difficult, I think, to show that even the superior moral sense ought to be shocked by the salary bill. The violation of good faith, first alleged against the Forty-second Congress, was that they had made an implied contract with the people to serve at a certain rate of compensation, and had violated that contract by increasing the rate. This statement--even if true, and it is not--involves an absurdity. In the first place, there was no such contract. In the second place, if there had been, and Congress had reduced my pay, instead of increasing it, would I have had legally or morally any right to complain? If there was an agreement to serve at a certain rate, it was a right to complain of the reduction as the people could have of the increase. But there could not be any such agreement; otherwise the pay never could be either increased or diminished.

Again, if there was a contract, such as alleged, have not the members of the Forty-third Congress, who were elected long before the increase was made, and who have been receiving pay ever since last March, been as guilty of violating the agreement as any others? There is nothing in the resolutions about them. There is a great misapprehension in the minds of the people on this subject, which, when I return to my constituents, I expect to show; but I do not propose arguing the subject in this communication. I shall content myself by saying that so far as "principle" is concerned, whether legal or moral, the Forty-second Congress did what they had a right to do exactly as the members of the previous Congress which ever voted on the question did, except that they increased the pay less in proportion than any of their predecessors had done. As to their bringing our Government into disrepute, they must content themselves with the fact of their membership that although not so fortunate as the members of the Legislature, they find themselves in this respect the companions in iniquity of George Washington and James Madison, James Monroe and Nathaniel Macon, and other reprobrates, who have at other periods of our history brought our Government into disrepute by similar conduct to that with which we are charged; that is, by approving similar bills, and voting for them, and paying the money.

I would have been glad if the members of the Legislature could have been here last Monday to hear a great and good man discuss this subject--a statesman of the old school--a man without fear and without reproach, A. H. Stephens of Georgia. Like all the other great men whom I have named, he has the misfortune to differ from the Legislature in their estimate of the action of Congress. It was very refreshing to listen to his analysis of the subject, and his cogency, as illustrated by the history of this salary business. Perhaps some of them have read what he said, and have enjoyed it, as I did.

But if I and my colleagues have fallen short of our duty, or have incurred popular displeasure, there is certainly no body of men who ought to sympathize more deeply with us than the Legislature of North Carolina. I shall not set myself up in judgment upon them as they have done towards us, but I extend to them my heartfelt sympathy in their earnest but fruitless efforts to adjust the public debt of the State; to relieve the people of the State from the burdens under which they groan; to arrange fairly the railroad system, which threatens to be so disastrous to the people of my district

THE CITY.

The Mails. The mails will close from this date as follows: Northern through (night) mails, 8 P. M. " through and way (day) mails, 5 A. M.

Southern mail, 8 P. M. Carolina Central mails, 5 A. M. Smithville, Saturdays and Tuesdays, 6 A. M.

Fayetteville, Wednesdays and Fridays, 1 P. M. Fayetteville by C. C. R. W., daily 5 A. M. Onslow C. H. (horse mail) every Friday, 6 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS. DITSON & Co.--New music, D. FROST--Tobacco, T. B. CARR--Masonic notice, D. A. SMITH & Co.--Furniture, E. R. STAMPS--Prospectus.

Local Notes. Seven barques and brigs from foreign ports arrived here yesterday. The Schr. Samuel Fish, Teel, arrived at Bath from this port on the 15th inst.

The Schr. David Miller, Berry, arrived at Boston from this port on the 17th inst. The Brig Alice Lea, Foster, arrived at Philadelphia from this port on the 16th inst.

Hon. R. R. Bridgers has been elected Director of the Richmond and Petersburg Railroad Company. The Norwegian Barque Nordstjernen, Nordgren, arrived at Glasgow from this port on the 16th inst.

The Cape Fear Teachers' Association holds its semi-monthly meeting, to-day, at the Union School House. The "Don Quixotes" are to parade on Christmas day, provided they have as pleasant a day for it as they had last year.

Stock of Naval Stores in New York Dec. 17: Spirits turpentine, 4,743 barrels; rosin, 72,909 barrels; tar, 2,344 barrels. Arrangements have been made to commence the work of opening Seward Channel and removing the obstructions from the channel above Big Island.

The meeting of the Board of Aldermen, which was to have been held last night, did not take place, a quorum of the members not being present. The race between gentlemen's private horses, which was to have come off on Friday of Fair week, was postponed, will, we learn, take place on Christmas day.

We regret to learn that Rev. Alexander Martin has been compelled to decline the pastorage of the First Presbyterian church, which was lately tendered him. Col. R. T. Bennett, Representative from Anson, reached here from Raleigh last evening, and left for Wadesboro this morning. He is thin and delicate, as usual.

The steamer Waccamaw broke her rudder while hauling the German brig Claudia off the shoals, where she drifted on Sunday last, and is now at Smithville. The Claudia will return to this port for repairs. Mr. Arch'd McCollum and three other gentlemen, while at dinner at the residence of the latter, on Thursday, were robbed of their hats, which were stolen from the rack in the hall where they had been left.

Another Attempted Robbery. Yesterday morning, just before 8 o'clock, as Officer Lewis Gordon, of the police force, was passing on Second, between Market and Dock streets, that being a portion of his beat, he discovered some one in the act of breaking into the grocery store of Mr. M. O. Cole. The thief was on the inside of the lot and as soon as he found that he had been discovered started to run. The officer ordered him to halt, but he payed no heed to the demand, and finally, as he mounted the fence of an adjoining lot, Mr. Gordon discharged his pistol at him, but it is presumed without effect. As the officer had no assistance in cutting off his retreat, of course the fellow escaped, and has doubtless ere this tried his hand in another quarter, and probably with better success. Officer Gordon was not near enough to distinguish the color of the individual.

A Collection. The ferry flat which plies between Market dock and Eagle's Island was run over by a passing steamer on Thursday evening and the men who were on it at the time came near being awamped. The flat, we learn, was badly injured by the collision, and is laid up for repairs.

A Cool and Daring Attempt at Robbery.

Though a little old, we cannot refrain from mentioning another daring attempt at robbery which occurred in this city on Wednesday night. Mr. Joshua Craig, who resides on McRae, between Mulberry and Walnut streets, had been down town on business and returned home about 9 o'clock. On reaching his door he found two men on the steps who disputed his passage, one of them demanding what money he had. Mr. Craig very quietly informed the man that he was not the happy possessor of any funds at that time, except a lot of coppers in a box upstairs, which he kept as relics, whereupon one of the robbers as coolly replied that they didn't want them; they had seen them and the coin was of no use to them. They demanded, however, to see his pocket-book. Mr. Craig took the article out of his pocket and handed it to them, when one of the party struck a match on the steps and proceeded very leisurely to examine its contents. It happened, however, that Mr. C. had disposed of all his available greenbacks while down the street, with the exception of a fifteen cent bill which was concealed among the papers in his book, and which they failed to discover. Finding that they were "barking up the wrong tree" the two men departed, breaking into a run as soon as they reached the sidewalk and soon disappearing in the distance. Mr. Craig had been a little started at the remark of one of the would-be robbers that they had seen the coin alluded to, and wondered what it meant. On entering the house, however, his curiosity was gratified, as he found that the two men had thoroughly ransacked the rooms not occupied at the time by the family; but their object seems to have been money alone, and as they found none of that, nothing else, to Mr. C.'s knowledge, was taken. Mr. Craig says he did not get a good look at their faces and is uncertain whether his visitors were white or colored.

Magistrate's Courts. Before Justice Wm. M. Harris: Sarah Ann Merrick, charged with the false imprisonment of J. A. Ashe. Case dismissed on the payment of costs. Before W. H. Moore, J. P.: Peter King, charged with assault and battery, was fined one cent and costs. S. Croom, charged with assault and battery, was fined five cents and costs. The cases of C. Newton, F. Bryan, M. Spencer and two others were continued over for a future hearing.

Ministerial Visit. We learn that Rev. Mr. Cretzberg, who was Pastor of the Front Street Methodist Church of this city some twenty-five years ago, was expected to arrive here last evening with the intention of remaining over Sunday.

CITY ITEMS. BOOK BINDERY.--THE MORNING STAR Book Bindery does all kinds of Binding and Ruling in a workmanlike manner, and at reasonable prices. Merchants and others needing Receipt Books, or other work, may rely on promptness in the execution of their orders.

The consolidation of the Carolina Farmer and the Weekly Star having largely increased the circulation of the latter, advertisers will find it an admirable medium of communication with the farmers and planters of the two Carolinas.

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