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RETRENCHMENT AND REFORM.

The war with the Indians promises to have an end not long hence. The strikers have subsided, and most of them have gone to work.

A very small force is all that is really needed—enough to man the forts and arsenals, together with a few frontier regiments.

No, no, we need no great army. Our sad experiences have taught us that the greatest peril that ever threatened the life of the Union...

This country has no mission that leads to a war of conquest. It is set for a light to the oppressed nations of the world.

Probably it were wise and prudent just how not to cut down the army. But it is clearly to our interests as a united people to enter at no remote time upon a gradual and certain reduction of our force.

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The cotton report of the statistician of the Agricultural Department of the United States for October, is out. It makes the average crop throughout the South very nearly equal to that of 1876.

Henry Clay came very near being elected President. Only 5,000 more votes in New York and he would have won.

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DEMOCRATIC PROSPERITY.

The outlook is very encouraging. If wisdom directs the councils of the Democracy their triumph in 1880 is absolutely assured.

Six Democratic Senators go out on March 4th, 1878, viz: Barnum, (Connecticut); Gordon, (Georgia); McCreery, (Kentucky); Dennis, (Maryland); Armstrong, (Missouri); and Merrimon, (North Carolina).

Without permitting ourselves to take the most sanguine view, we are certain that the Democrats will have a majority in the body.

The victory of the Russians in Asia Minor is confirmed. It was evidently very complete, and will change the entire aspect of affairs in that distant country.

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Marshal MacMahon accepts the situation very grimly. Whilst the people are accusing the Ministry of Madness, MacMahon is saying what he means to do.

MODERATION IN VICTORY.

Some men are wise only in battle or in adversity. Victory turns their heads, and prosperity proves their ruin.

We want the Democratic party to continue to shape and direct the destinies of our great country. We recognize how much of the safety and prosperity of the people depend upon the perpetuity of Democratic principles.

We are led to make these remarks by reading certain opinions and speculations in some of our Northern exchanges.

"If, however, Davis votes with the Democrats and Spofford and Butler are admitted, the Senate will be Democratic by eight majority, even if Republican Senators should be returned from Connecticut, Illinois, Indiana, Nevada, New York, Oregon, Pennsylvania and Wisconsin."

The Democratic majority in the House should not flatter themselves that the Ohio verdict is a vote of public confidence in their wisdom and honesty.

It is no general movement along the whole Radical line against President Hayes and his policy of reconciliation and civil service reform.

Now what do they propose to do? Will they insist upon restoring the carpet-baggers to their old places that they may plunder and waste at large?

The failure to form the Second Battalion, N. C. S. G., into a regiment and elect officers for the same, which was expected to take place during the presence of the Battalion in Raleigh, was owing to the fact that both the First and Second Battalions claim to have the requisite number of companies to form a regiment.

how some of the Radical sheets fame fairly over the visit of Stephens and Tombs to the White House. In their eyes it is a great crime for two "rebels" to call upon the President of the United States twelve years and a half after the war.

The maddest man I met in Washington to-day was a Republican ex-Congressman from Ohio, and the subject of his indignation was the cordial reception given to Tombs of Georgia, at the White House the other day.

Now, after reading that precious mess of falsehood and truth mingled cunningly, read what Gen. Boynton says of Grant and his future prospects.

Senator Merrimon, of this State, has introduced a very necessary and important bill into the Senate in relation to vacancies occurring in the offices of President and Vice President of the United States.

Pickpockets make it convenient to be on hand at all agricultural fairs, and the one at Raleigh this week was no exception to the general rule in this particular.

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HOUSE-BREAKING AND ROBBERY.

The house of Mr. Abram Williams, residing about two miles this side of Wrightsville Sound, in this county, was broken open and robbed on Wednesday last, between 1 and 2 o'clock.

The trigger of the rifle mentioned as among the articles stolen is broken, and will consequently have to be repaired before the weapon can be used, which fact may eventually lead to the detection of the thief.

The boom of a plow, about three feet in length, was found near the back steps, and was no doubt used by the thief in battering open the door.

A passenger on the Northern train yesterday evening informs us of a "set-to" that occurred at a hotel in Goldsboro, yesterday morning, about 10 o'clock.

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The Episcopal Convention.

The aim of the Convention, judged by the discussions, seems to be to arouse the members, and through them their respective dioceses, to larger conceptions of the work before the Church.

While the membership of the Protestant Episcopal Church, after a couple of centuries' growth on the soil of this continent, does not number three hundred thousand souls, the Methodists within a century have quadrupled that number.

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Spirits Turpentine.

Father Evans says Tip Carson killed a peck of tobacco worms by toasting the tobacco with "gymnos seed blossoms."

A merchant at Charlotte came near being shot whilst entering the window of his own store. It is better to gain at the door.

This Wilson Advance warns the public against an impostor calling himself John F. Weigand, and claiming to be a son of the late John F. Weigand of New York.

Gen. Miles should give Gen. Howard an introduction to Chief Joseph. STAR. Gen. Howard doubtless prefers Joseph to be kept "miles" distant.

The Grand Lodge (colored) No. 2, of the Independent Order of Good Samaritans and Daughters of Samaria, of America, meet in Raleigh (fourth annual session) on the 30th of October.

Rev. John D. Brooks, one of the most scholarly ministers of the North Carolina Conference, and one of the best writers we have, recently delivered an excellent series of sermons on the "Religious Training of Children" at Newbern.

Richmond Times: Some of our citizens are buying coal for their winter use. They say it is cheaper than wood at the present time.

Elizabeth City Economist: The D. S. canal improvement has brought prospects of success. Its completion will bring into use for agricultural purposes the rich lands of the Dismal Swamp.

Some time ago Hill & Skinker, of Richmond, Va., sold a large lot of Old Virginia tobacco in very low prices, ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 pounds, at from \$20 to \$40 per hundred.

Newbern Nut Shell: Only small lots of corn changed hands yesterday. Market firm at 80 cents per bushel.

Salisbury Watchman: We heard of one man bringing thirty-eight pounds of this year's tobacco to town and selling it for another man's money in pay for one bushel.

Milton Chronicle: Selling out the only male academy in town. Better advertise for a first-class teacher with a thrashing machine and a gallova combined, to amuse the boys.

Charlotte Observer: We understand that Cole's strictly moral circus had an immense crowd at Stateville yesterday. Federal Court adjourned at Stateville this week and all the mountains are there.

E. J. Hale's New York correspondence in Raleigh Observer: I have just returned from a wedding, one in which I was strongly interested, and in which some of your readers will be interested.

Washington Notes: Several of the members of the Missouri delegation called on the President to-day, and in conversation assured him of their support in all proper measures.

Senator Christiancy was tendered the vacant judgeship of the sixth circuit, but declined.

What looks nearer than cold? New York Pleasantry. The girl inside of it. Detroit Free Press.