

The following are the officers elected of the Fayetteville Light Infantry Company: John D. Williams, Jr., Captain; R. McMillan, First Lieutenant; W. J. McDonald, Second Lieutenant; W. S. Cook, Third Lieutenant.

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TEARS, TEARS, IDLE TEARS.

A disgruntled Republican writing from Raleigh to the Washington Republican, gives a touching account of the disappointments of himself and friends, and in piteous tones wants the editor of that wicked sheet to give him some comfort, and to pity the sorrows of a poor old man.

There is a good deal of justice in the complaint, and we are too sympathetic not to feel badly when we read his painful jeremiad, and behold the tears trickling between the lines and all along and through the dolorous sentences.

It is a well known fact that he cannot even get an appointment in the department. Out of sixty-odd who belong to us in the Treasury Department under the act of Congress, we have about twenty-two.

This is indeed a melancholy case. Dreadful is their doom, when despair has driven them to cease fate and pious hope forego.

ANOTHER MARVELLOUS INVENTION.

Edison has made another improvement upon his phonograph. He calls his new machine the Auraphone, and it will talk on its own hook just as well as the phonograph will record the sounds made by persons.

In the ceiling of his private office, concealed from view, with the exception of a small, ear-shaped funnel, of dark color, he has fitted between the rafters and the floor above one of his double recording and speaking machines.

The inquiry, "What do you think of the auraphone?" shrouded in tones that almost made the house rock, followed by a laugh so mockingly hideous and toothy as to make the blood curdle with horror.

There seems to be no end to the fertility of Mr. Edison's inventive powers. If he should not finally be bereft of his reason he may discover other principles or machines more wonderful than his marvellous phonograph or his astounding auraphone.

We begin seriously to doubt if Senator Lamar is the great statesman he is represented to be by his extravagant admirers. That he is an able and eloquent speaker no one can doubt.

Ben Hill got in a heavy blow upon Jim Blaine's right eye in the discussion of the proposition to place Grant on the retired list as a General.

Hill made another good point in the discussion. He said he would gladly vote for the bill if it "would really retire Grant for life, but the trouble was he would not stay retired."

When Harrison (Democrat), of Illinois, moved to investigate Oregon and South Carolina, the Republicans were taken by surprise, the vote standing ayes 71, noes 50.

This was a heavy blow, as the Republicans had been complaining about the limitations fixed by the Potter resolutions. Our readers already know of the passage of the Wilson resolution immediately after.

It is now generally understood that Russia has backed down from her advanced position, and to avoid a war with England. She knows her own interests and condition best, and acts wisely no doubt.

Rev. Dr. A. W. Miller, of Chesapeake, ranks very high among the leading divines of the Presbyterian Church of the South.

While the question raised respecting the authenticity and genuineness of the Mecklenburg Declaration stood in the dubious attitude in which it had been left by the publication of the North Carolina Legislature, that indefatigable antiquarian and devoted student of American history, the late Peter Force, of Washington, in compiling materials for his 'American Archives,' came upon a series of declaratory resolutions adopted by the committee of Mecklenburg county on the 31st of May, 1776.

Dr. Miller then makes the following comment and statement: "No one would suppose from this statement, or from any other in the issue, that the American Archives of Peter Force contained the Mecklenburg Declaration itself of May 20th.

This is indeed very important, and the North Carolina members of Congress would do well to examine the volume referred to by Dr. Miller, and over their signatures make a publication to the country.

Another reason was that Mr. Bancroft found the Resolutions of the 31st of May in the British Archives in London, and first made them known, but could find no Declaration. Peter Cooper had in his collection the same Resolutions as they appeared in a South Carolina paper five weeks after they were adopted at Charlotte.

It is, therefore, extremely gratifying to us to read Dr. Miller's very interesting letter, and to receive the statement that the American Archives of the veritable Peter Force contain the "identical declaration with which we are so familiar," besides the other important statement as to the appointing of the committee "to draw a more full and definite statement of grievances and more formal declaration of independence."

These will be an attempt made to do this, aside in some way. Our Representatives in Congress should take the matter in hand at once, examine closely Mr. Force's volumes, and publish to the country all the evidence they afford, and that too over their signatures.

We are led to make this suggestion because those who have questioned the genuineness and authenticity of the Mecklenburg Declaration are for the most part able and scholarly men. Mr. Spofford, the learned and accomplished librarian of Congress, attacked the Declaration in a paper characterized by terseness, compactness, lucidity and logical arrangement.

So it will be well for our Senators and Representatives to examine into the matter at once, and then publish a clear and explicit statement as to what the Force papers really testify in regard to the Mecklenburg Declaration.

We suggest this, as we have said, that all doubt may be removed, and all cavilling may be silenced.

Mr. Randall's suggestion relative to gerrymandering Ohio was quickly followed and with good results. They were so unexpectedly liberal, however, that even the New York Times regards it as not so very bad.

A careful review of the field gives reason to believe that the restrictive laws against sure Republican districts, seven sure Democratic districts, two doubtful which were Republican in 1876, and five doubtful which were Democratic in 1876.

The N. Y. Sun has a large circulation in the South, and still it does not like our people. It said the other day: "If Maryland wants to build a ship canal from the Chesapeake to Delaware bay let her build it with her own money."

A colored girl by the name of Betsy Griffin, employed on the steamer A. P. Hurt, her step-father being cook of the boat, was drowned on Saturday last.

The Duplin Democratic County Convention assembled at Kennasville yesterday. A brief telegram from Magnolia informs us that the Convention adopted the two-thirds rule. Wallace, for Sheriff, had a majority, but not two-thirds.

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The Battle of the Crater—Who Saved the Day.

Under this head the Petersburg Index-Appel contains the following extract from a paper recently contributed to the Southern Historical Society by Major Henry G. Flanner of this city, late Captain of Flanner's North Carolina Battery, touching the Battle of the Crater, which will be read with interest by many.

"After reading Captain Gordon McCabe's article in the Southern Historical Society Papers, on the defence of Petersburg, I think I have the right to find fault, not with what is written, but what was omitted in the article referred to.

"The fire of the enemy, from nearly one hundred guns, was concentrated upon my company for two hours; but amid this terrible bombardment, until our infantry, composed of the brigades of Mahone, Girard and Sanders, all under the command of Mahone, arrived, and were placed in position preparatory to making the final charge, which resulted in the recapture of the works about 2 o'clock in the day.

"We claim the honor of saving the day, and preventing what might have been a very serious disaster and probable loss of Petersburg.

Bitten by a Rattlesnake.

Mr. Robert R. Hewitt, of Lockwood's Folly Township, Brunswick county, was bitten on Friday, the 17th inst., by what is known as an Oakleaf rattlesnake.

Committed for Trial. Daniel Hayes, colored, mentioned a few days since as having been arrested at Kingston and taken to Burgaw, charged with making an assault upon Harry Highsmith, on the 25th of January last, cutting his throat with a pocket-knife, was brought down on yesterday morning, under a commitment from Robert T. Sanders, of Holden township, in default of bail in the sum of \$500, and committed to the county jail.

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Meeting for Organization.

The Memorial Association of the Third Regiment met in the city court room, at the City Hall, last night, according to announcement.

Sergeant Alex. Wiggs was elected President, Sergeant F. V. B. Yopp, Vice President, and J. H. Pugh, Secretary.

A committee of three was appointed to prepare a Constitution and By-Laws for the government of the Association, to report to a called meeting when ready.

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The Republican County Convention.

This body met at the Court House yesterday morning. The Executive Committee convened at 9 o'clock, and the Convention was to have commenced business at 10 o'clock, but a contest arose in regard to the admission of delegates from Cape Fear township, which had elected two sets, one in favor of and the other opposed to the nomination of Sheriff Manning, and over this matter the committee wrangled and quarrelled until 4 or 5 o'clock in the afternoon before any other business was transacted.

The Convention was organized by the election of Geo. W. Price, Jr., a Manning man, as Chairman, and appointing Jos. E. Sampson Secretary.

The nominations were then made as follows: For Sheriff—S. H. Manning, who received 17 votes, John F. Garrell 12, and Duncan Holmes, colored, 1.

For Clerk of Superior Court—Stacy Van Amringe, who received 23 votes, and E. H. McQuigg 8.

For Register of Deeds—Jos. E. Sampson, colored, nominated by acclamation.

For County Treasurer—Elijah Hewitt, nominated by acclamation.

For Coroner—E. D. Hewlett, who received 19 votes, J. C. Scott (colored) 6, and I. W. King 5.

For Surveyor—John Kent Brown, nominated by acclamation, there being no Republican in the county suited to fill the position.

For the Senate—John P. Sampson, colored, who received 19 votes, the remainder being scattered between Wilson, Hill, French and others.

For the House—H. E. Scott and W. H. Waddell, the former receiving 16 votes and the latter 17, the remainder scattering.

A committee of five was appointed to meet with a like committee from Pender county, in relation to ratifying the nomination for Senator. This committee consists of Joseph E. Sampson, Hiram Hankins, J. C. Scott, Jas. D. Dry and W. H. Howe, Sr.

There was a scene in the Convention during the forenoon when James Heaton, who had been absent for several days, suddenly made his appearance in the crowd and took his seat as a member of the Executive Committee. He occupied his seat but a few moments, when he arose to a question of privilege, explained the cause of his absence, stating that he had received an appointment to a position in the Custom House and had been to Washington to see about it, alluded to the reports that had been circulated about him during his absence, disclaiming that he had received any bribe from any source to leave the city, and then proceeded to open his batteries upon those whom he charged with being responsible for the reports alluded to, assailing them in words of startling emphasis, bitter sarcasm and scathing satire.

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Gen. Woodworth goes from here to Norfolk.

Forsyth sends eight convicts to the penitentiary. Alcolored but one, and he is up for five years for being married too much, as Artemus Ward would say. His name is W. G. Willis.

Ashboro Regulator. A large, clumsy, rusty looking rattlesnake was killed a mile and a half from town last week, by J. J. Betts. There was made at the Franklinsville bag mills, in this county, on last Friday, 7,014 seamless bags. One woman made 110.

Fayetteville Gazette. Mr. F. R. Rose, President of the Association, delivered a most sobriety and beautiful oration—the regular monthly lecture—before St. John's Hall on the Parish session room, last Tuesday evening, Thursday morning, just before day, the residence of Mr. Daniel McGuire, south Dick street, was destroyed by fire. It was insured for \$200, which will cover most of the loss. We sympathize with friend McGuire in his misfortune.

Raleigh News. Professor W. C. Kerr, State Geologist, has just returned from a visit to the river. Upon our making some inquiries into the condition of the crops in that section, he informed us that the wheat was in fine order until the late cold snap. Now it is badly smitten with rust. The expectations of a magnificent crop are much diminished. The wheat stalks are weak and many will not head out. The blades are covered with the rust. Clover is growing finely, but the people are not so much interested in that part of the far West, the red-legged grasshopper.

Correspondent of Raleigh News. Sparta is a memorable place in the past commercial history of the State. There was a time, before railroads, when her trade extended to the Cape Fear river. The father of Colonel A. B. Caldwell, a prominent North Carolina Railroad, was a great merchant here forty years ago. When Wm. H. Willard was a pioneer commission merchant in Washington, and opened the first grocery store in the city, the State Sparta was the first naval store depot in North Carolina. But this is all gone now. It has become instead one of the first agricultural villages of the country.

Winston Sentinel. Miss Sarah Tatum, a maiden lady, about 70 years of age, committed suicide by drowning herself in Covington's mill pond, in Stokes county, on Monday night, the 13th inst. She retired to bed on Monday night, but got up during the night, and went to the mill pond, where she was found next morning, with a rock tied to her neck and one to her wrist. She was suffering from mental derangement.

Robert W. Masten died last week, Cooper county, Mo., on the 11th inst., aged 38 years. The deceased had been married about two months. Mr. Masten was a native of this county.

From Gov. Vance's speech at Charlotte, as reported in the Observer: The speaker had been given credit for very great familiarity with the Scriptures; indeed, it had been said of him that he knew more of the Bible and practiced less of it than any other man in the State. But however that might be, he was very correct upon an interpretation of a certain Biblical text which he did not find laid down by any of the commentators. It is said that in heaven there is neither marriage nor giving in marriage, and that the Lord meant that there were so many more women there than men that there could not be found men enough to go round.

Greensboro Patriot. Mrs. M. A. Dodson, a very estimable lady, died after a brief illness, in this city, Monday morning.

There was a heavy frost last Wednesday night. Rust is doing much damage to wheat in this locality. The railroad meeting at the Court House, Monday night, was largely attended. Resolutions were made by Messrs. C. G. Yates, C. F. Mendall, and D. W. C. Benbow. At the close of the meeting further remarks were made by D. P. Caldwell and J. W. Grimes, passed, almost unanimously, to submit a proposition to the voters of the city to levy a tax of \$5,000 annually for three years to provide for the convicts at work on the road, and the authorities will be called upon to submit the proposition.

Goldsboro Messenger. A most terrific storm passed over this section Tuesday night. The heavy rain was accompanied by severe thunder and lightning, and in some portions it hailed. The rain did great damage to growing crops, fences and property generally. The storm was the dwelling of Mr. W. W. Korogay, at Mount Olive, was struck by lightning, doing, however, but little damage. The lightning-rod attached to the gin house on the Granger farm was torn off and scattered some distance, and from all sides reach us reports of destruction to property.

Salem Press. Thermometers 92 in the shade Tuesday. The engine of our Rough and Ready Fire Company has been in use forty-six times. It was purchased from Philadelphia in 1833. Earliest farmers report wheat harvest in two weeks. Much complaint from all directions of rust. Some say an insect is also at work on the grain.

The Commencement exercises of Salem Female Academy will be on Thursday, June 20th, at 9 o'clock A. M. The concluding musical entertainment will be given in the evening of the same day at 8 o'clock.

Washington (N. C.) correspondent of the Tarboro Southern. The Board of County Commissioners have decided to issue bonds to the amount of \$10,000 to purchase the bridge from Gen. Grimes. The people in this section desire very much that President Robinson, of the Seaboard Railroad, would extend the route of the steamer Chowan to Jameville, connecting there with the Jamesville & Washington R. R. The family of the late Judge E. J. Warren are erecting to his memory a large, handsome granite monument. Masters Bruce Smallwood, Arthur Williams and Lawrence Scott were over the bridge, on Thursday last, gathering pebbles near the water's edge. Smallwood, while so doing, fell overboard in the water and sank twice. Young Williams, unable to bear the distressing sight of seeing his companion drown without an effort to save him, plunged boldly in, caught him, and heroically struggled with the waves, which neither would have rescued alive had not little Scott procured a pole, which he extended and drew them ashore with. He was a young man, and a granger. He had signs on his upper lip, which may some day be a moustache. He wanted to buy a package of envelopes, and stepped into one of our drug stores to get them. The proprietor handed him a package with doves stamped on the foil. After eyeing them closely, he said, "D—n the doves; he was a courting man and wanted some with owls or hawks on them, as he calculated on catching something."