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THE DEBATE AND THE VOTE.

The debates on the Army Bill accomplished a great deal. They fully exposed the duplicity, unfairness, corruption and inconsistencies of the Republican party.

The vote on Saturday on the Army Bill in the House was unexpectedly gratifying. Every Greenbacker except two voted with the Democrats.

The debate on the Army Bill is ended, but we must detain the reader with one or two points concerning it.

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Another "stalwart," De Golyer Garfield, had this to say: "What is our theory of law? It is free consent. That is the granite foundation of our whole structure."

Under De Golyer Garfield's new interpretation, free consent means something in which the majority of the House and the majority of the Senate have no part, it being reserved solely for the minorities and for Hayes.

The great struggle will now begin in the House over the question of Supervisors and Deputy Marshals. The Democrats will do their duty, and the country will sustain them.

Republican Hook, of Tennessee, in his bloody shirt harangue, deeply regretted that Grant had withdrawn the troops from Mississippi in 1875.

The petition of the Governor of Virginia concerning the action of Judge Rives to the Supreme Court of the United States, asking for writs of habeas corpus and certiorari, will attract universal attention.

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the Judge was without warrant of law and violative both of the rights of the individual and of the State of Virginia.

It is a grave question of law that ought to be discussed without prejudice or passion, and that ought to be decided upon its merits.

The Virginia law will have to be considered in determining the matter in dispute. If Mr. Coles violated the law of Virginia, then he is amenable to that law, but is he amenable to United States District Court for violating a State law?

According to the law of Virginia it rests with the County Judge to prepare the venire. He can select the jurors as he thinks best.

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Senator Bayard made a strong speech against the majority report in the Senate which was adverse to the seating of Mr. Bell appointed Senator by the Governor of New Hampshire.

Seven steamers sailed from New York on Saturday. They took out a large number of passengers. The shipments were unusually large.

"Cheese, about 18,000 boxes; bacon, 8,450 boxes; cotton, 1,600 bales; butter, 4,400 packages; canned goods, 4,100 cases; flour, 5,700 barrels and 2,000 sacks; wheat, about 202,000 bushels; fresh meat, 270 tons and 1,900 quarters. The City of Chester carried 114 head of cattle for London."

Masonic. An old member of the fraternity in this city has furnished us with the following statistics of the number of lodges of Free Masons which existed at the end of last year, and which will be read with interest by members of the Order: In Germany there were 342 lodges; in Switzerland, 33; Hungary, 44; Roumania, 11; Serbia, 1; England and Wales, 1,187; Scotland, 334; Ireland, 290; Gibraltar, 5; Malta, 4; Holland, and Luxembourg, 46; Belgium, 15; Denmark, 7; Sweden and Norway, 18; France, 387; Spain, about 300; Portugal, 22; Italy, 110; Greece, 11; Turkey, 20; Egypt, 28; Tunis, 2; Algeria, 11; Morocco, 2; the west coast of Africa, 11; African islands, 35; the Cape, 61; Arabia (Aden), 1; India, 118; Indian islands, 16; China, 13; Japan, 5; Australian islands, 4; Australia, 239; New Zealand, 84; United States, 8,894; Canada, 535; Cuba, 30; Hayti, 32; West India islands, 65; Mexico, 18; Brazil, 256; and other States in South America, 179—a total of about 15,000 lodges. The number of Free Masons is about 5,000,000.

Masters Up the Road. From a correspondent at Shoe Heel we learn that Kenneth Bethune, who, it is alleged, outraged a Miss McDuffie, in Richmond county, last January, was captured last Monday by Deputy Sheriff J. P. Smith, in the Ashpole section of Robeson county.

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Capt. A. H. Worth, of the steamer A. P. Hart, has been appointed mail agent on the route between Wilmington and Fayetteville. We are glad to make this announcement, as we are satisfied the mail service on the river will now be properly performed.

Mr. Edder: In your issue of yesterday you spoke of Gen. Hawley, a member of the present Congress, as "having been accidentally born in North Carolina, and that his parents were from the North."

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The cherries were killed, but not the peaches, at Hillsboro.

PRODUCE EXCHANGE.

Annual Meeting Yesterday—Reports of the President and Secretary and Treasurer—Election of Officers, &c.

The annual meeting of the Produce Exchange of the City of Wilmington was held yesterday morning.

The report of the Secretary and Treasurer, C. J. L. Gantwell, was read and ordered spread on the minutes.

The report of the President was then read, and, on motion, it was ordered that the same be spread on the minutes and that the Secretary furnish the daily papers of the city with copies for publication.

On motion of W. R. Kenna, Esq., the thanks of the Exchange were returned to the retiring officers.

On motion, it was decided that on Good Friday, the 11th inst., the Exchange will be closed.

On motion the meeting then adjourned. The following is the annual report of the President, referred to in the above proceedings:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Gentlemen of the Wilmington Produce Exchange:

It has been customary for the President on behalf of the Board of Managers of this Exchange to present an annual communication giving the statistics for the past year, and presenting such considerations for the welfare of your body as may seem timely and pertinent.

Falling off... 11,576 Receipts of spirits turpentine from April 1st, 1878, to April 1st, 1879... 109,574 casks.

Receipts of spirits turpentine from April 1st, 1877, to April 1st, 1878... 109,707 ..

Receipts of spirits turpentine from April 1st, 1878, to April 1st, 1879... 154,985 bbls.

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Receipts of tar from April 1st, 1878, to April 1st, 1879... 78,116 bbls.

Receipts of tar from April 1st, 1877, to April 1st, 1878... 61,674 ..

Receipts of crude turpentine from April 1st, 1878, to April 1st, 1879... 154,985 bbls.

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Receipts of spirits turpentine, foreign, for year ending March 31st, 1878, 64,421 bales. Do. for year ending March 31st, 1879, 54,823 bales.

Receipts of spirits turpentine, domestic, for year ending March 31st, 1878, 60,297 bales. Do. for year ending March 31st, 1879, 49,337 bales.

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President—C. H. Robinson. Vice President—R. E. Calder. Board of Managers—G. W. Williams, E. Lilly, John T. Rankin, James Sprunt, D. G. Worth.

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Proceedings in Regular Session. The Board met in regular session yesterday at 2.30 p. m. Present, Col. W. L. Smith, Chairman, and Commissioners Worth, Montgomery, Bagg and Grady.

The minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

The Committee on Hospital reported progress.

Complaint being made in reference to the condition of Smith's Creek bridge, the matter was referred to Commissioner Grady for report.

The report of the Treasurer of the General and School Fund was received, examined, found correct, and ordered spread on the minutes.

The Treasurer returned special fund as follows: Six bonds of \$500 each, the 1st of March, 1879, paid by him, including his March account; 36 coupons of old bonds of \$15 each; 25 coupons of new bonds of \$15 each; and 54 coupons of new bonds of \$15 each; all of which bonds and coupons were burned in the presence of the whole Board.

It was ordered that the Board of Finance be authorized to take such steps as are necessary to expedite the listing and assessing of the property in Wilmington Township.

The Board then proceeded, under the Machinery Act, to the appointment of Assessors for all the townships in the county, and two Assessors at large, as follows: Wilmington Township—M. Cronly. Cape Fear Township—Iredell Johnson. Harnett Township—A. A. Mosely. Masonboro Township—H. L. Horne. Federal Point Township—J. H. Horne.

The Board, from a number of nominations, appointed Oscar G. Parsony, Sr., and Dallas M. Pennington, Assessors at large for New Hanover county.

On motion, it was ordered that in case of a vacancy on the Board of Assessors, by refusal or inability to serve, the Finance Committee are authorized to fill such vacancy.

A petition was received from sundry citizens of Harnett and Cape Fear Townships for laying out a public road from the seven mile post to Frank's Landing, on the Sound, and the Clerk was ordered to notify the owners of land through which the road would pass to appear before the first Monday in May and show cause, if they have any, why said road should not be laid off.

The following were ordered to be notified: A. R. Black, John Loftin, James Grant, Wm. Winters, Tobias Carney, John McNeill, Jordan Lemons, heirs of D. K. Futch.

A petition of J. F. Garrell, for the erection of a building at his own expense, on his premises, for the additional comfort and security of prisoners under his charge, was granted.

The petition from citizens of Masonboro and Federal Point Townships, for authority to lay off a public road, was granted, and the Sheriff was directed to summon a jury of five freeholders to lay off said road.

A license to retail spirituous liquors was granted to D. Steeles.

The Board then proceeded to make the levy on Schedule B. and C. tax for the ensuing year, and the Clerk was instructed to notify the newly appointed Assessors to meet at the Commissioners' room on the first Monday in May, at 11 o'clock A. M., for consultation, agreeable to section 2 of the Machinery Act.

A communication was received by the Board from Mayor Fishback, stating in response to an inquiry, that the city government had no authority nor had it appropriated any money for the pay of Assessors.

Meeting of Quarantine Board.

The new Quarantine Board, composed of Dr. W. G. Curtis, Quarantine Physician, at Smithville, and Dr. J. C. Walker, Superintendent of Health, of this city, with Dr. Thomas F. Wood as Secretary, was organized yesterday.

The Quarantine Regulations for the present year were matured and adopted. Provision is made that pilots, under penalty of having their license withdrawn, shall cause all vessels coming from infected ports, or having sickness aboard, to come to anchor at the quarantine station.

The most approved methods of disinfection will be enforced, such as pumping out bilge water and pumping in fresh water, washing and airing clothing, bedding, and setting windsails in the hatchways. Fumigation is to be carried on under the immediate direction of the quarantine physician.

Dr. Walker has made an order, in which he declares that no vessel from the West Indies, South America or any other port where infectious diseases exist, shall be allowed to come nearer to Wilmington than Deep Water Point, (38 miles below the city) or load or unload, or have any communication with the city whatever, from this date until after the 1st of November.

The measure mentioned is such a whole, as to make it certain that the fixed, unalterable purpose of the Board is to protect us against infection from other points.

Destructive Fire at Magnolia.

A telegram was received by Mr. F. A. Newberry, of this city, yesterday afternoon, announcing that the Nicholson buildings, at Magnolia, were destroyed by fire yesterday morning about 11 o'clock.

The buildings referred to embrace a fine dwelling, a store, office and out houses. Nothing is known of the extent of the fire further than this. The telegram stated that Mr. Newberry's store, which was in close proximity to the burning buildings, was saved.

The Fire in Magnolia.

From a correspondent at Magnolia we learn that the fire at that place at 11:25 A. M., on Monday, mention of which was made in the last issue of the STAR, destroyed the large dwelling house of Mrs. T. C. Nicholson, occupied by her son-in-law, Dr. J. D. Roberts, on the east side of the railroad. It was supposed to have originated from a spark on the roof. All efforts to save the burning building were futile, but through the great exertions of the citizens the hotel and adjoining buildings were preserved from destruction.

Our correspondent says the "Magnolia Fire Company," consisting of men, women and children, did noble service in the way of removing furniture, &c. The fire was in close proximity to the Telegraph and Express Office and the Railroad Warehouse. The property was fully insured.

Spirits Turpentine.

Among the graduates at Columbia (S. C.) Theological Seminary is C. W. Robinson, Concord, N. C. Among those graduating at Union Theological Seminary, Va., is William B. Arrowood, Old Furnace, N. C.

Raleigh News: Hon. R. F. Armfield has been notified by the Secretary of War to nominate a cadet for appointment at West Point. In order to give all the young men in his district a chance, a competitive examination will be made by Prof. J. Henry Hill, Rev. Mr. Boone and M. F. Freeland, Esq., at such time and place as they may designate.

N. C. Presbyterian: The churches of Mt. Tria and Waxhaw, of Bebel Presbyterian, have, so we learn, extended a call to Rev. R. A. Miller. The pastor of a goodly church of this denomination, of which Rev. G. W. McMillan is stated supply, has now a Sabbath school of about twenty members. The school was organized about three weeks since, and Mr. D. McMillan was elected superintendent.

Raleigh Observer: A friend at Albemarle, Stany county, writes that the freeze was very hard on the 4th, ice half inch thick, and the fruit all killed. The damage seems to have been irregular. The pear trees and a good portion of the peaches are injured at least. Apples are little touched. It is thought that the frost may need applications to join the Raleigh Light Infantry from the young men in the city.

The revenue fellers made a raid on the moonshiners in Leicor county, and 50 gallons of blockade whiskey, 1,000 gallons of beer and the stills with their fixtures were seized and the whole lot was at once destroyed. The distiller, a Mr. Worley, who seemed to be enjoying a severe case of jim jams, notwithstanding his ticklish occupation, was taken in charge and brought to this city, says the Newbern News Sheet.

Raleigh Observer: The incorporators of the State University Railroad will meet this week at Chapel Hill to open books of subscription. This is preparatory to the organization of the Company. As soon as it is formed the construction of the road will begin, and it is understood that it will be vigorously pushed to completion.

Capt. M. E. Eddy, a gallant soldier in the 28th N. C. troops, a native of Stany county, died of his wounds, in Lincoln, on the 31st inst., aged 42.

Monroe Express: An illiterate old lady, along with her husband, was in town Tuesday last, prospecting for the purchase of fertilizing material. The hen-pecked husband was negotiating for the purchase of a brand he had never used, when the lady suddenly chimed in with, "Now, Betsy, you ain't got no money any of that new-fangled stuff—you git the 'soluble false phosphate,' like we been usin'!" She meant "soluble phosphate."

Salsbury Watchman: Tyro is in Davidson county, about eight miles from this place, and is the centre of a prosperous and well settled community. A large academy has recently been erected there, and on last Saturday it was inaugurated, speeches and music filling up the programme. The Rev. Mr. Julian made a short literary address, and closed his remarks by introducing to the audience J. M. Gray, Esq., who made the address of the day. In the afternoon F. C. Robbins, Esq., and Rev. Mr. Simpson made addresses.

Charlotte Observer: Manager Ford, of Baltimore, has written to the manager of the opera house in this city for the purpose of securing the services of Ford for the purpose of bringing his company to Charlotte about the 15th of April, and says it is composed of forty members. We may assuredly expect something good.

Mike McNeill, a tailor with a Mr. M. Liechtenstein's shop, reports that he was attacked at the intersection of Tryon and Mint streets, while on the way home Saturday night, by a stout negro man and a white man, who, after a struggle, succeeded in forcing him into a carriage on foot which proposes a continental ball on the night of the 20th of May, all dancers to appear in the colonial costumes.

Henderson Review: Rev. Mr. Pettigrew, who was once Rector of the Episcopal Church here, occupied the pulpit of the Methodist Church on Sunday night last. The revival which has been in progress at the Methodist Church in this place for several weeks closed last Wednesday night. There were about thirty conversions, twenty of whom joined the church.

Mr. W. L. Fox, who resides about three miles in the country, came near losing his life on Monday. He was engaged in felling a tree, and while so engaged a descending limb of a tree struck him on the head, knocking him senseless for some time.

Oxford Free Lance: Dr. H. C. Herndon, President of the Oxford & Henderson Railroad Company, left for Baltimore on Wednesday, to hold a conference with John M. Jones, President of the Seaboard & Roanoke and Raleigh & Gaston Railroads, in reference to the construction of the first named line.

Rev. R. H. Marsh preached in the Baptist Church on Sunday night to a large congregation on the subject of "The Resurrection." The subject was handled in an able and interesting manner. A number of Durham families have expressed a determination to move to Oxford as soon as work is commenced on the Henderson Railroad. And such will be the cry from many other sections.

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