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BISMARCK'S PEACE PLAN.

Whether the European Governments shall favor Bismarck's new peaceable scheme or not; or whether or not they are disposed to give him credit for his pacific propositions, there appears to be some grounds for believing that he is sincere at least in desiring to have the armaments of the Great Powers reduced very considerably.

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We had occasion to say recently that Bismarck had discovered at last that the main cause of the great prostration of trade on the Continent was owing to the immense armies and the expenditures incident thereto.

When we look at the military strength of the various countries it is not difficult to see why their prosperity should be imperilled by the vast cost thus entailed upon them.

Russia has a military force numbering 3,046,800 men, of whom 600,000 belong to the reserve and 2,446,800 to the standing army.

The regular army of France comprises 1,689,000 soldiers of all arms; the territorial army, 1,208,000; total, 2,897,000; to be increased in 1892 by the addition of 300,000 reserve men to 2,723,000.

The German power, of all classes, is represented by 2,004,300 men, of whom 1,076,200 belong to the standing army, 307,200 to the landwehr, and 620,900 to the reserve.

Italy has an army of 698,000 and a militia of 310,000. In 1892, when the reserve will number 1,016,200, her total strength will reach 2,024,200.

Sanitary Engineering. We referred before to a pamphlet by Wm. Cain, published by the North Carolina Board of Health for the information of the people, with the title written at the head of this article.

The North Carolina Medical Journal for November has a short article upon the subject of sanitary engineering, from which we copy a paragraph or so for the benefit of all concerned.

"The dry-earth privy system as set forth in this pamphlet should attract the attention of the officers of every municipal corporation particularly, and the public in general. The utter neglect of any system, and the vile and disgusting way the great majority of privies in our towns and villages are allowed to remain, is a sure sign that our boasted civilization has not reached its apex."

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Our readers will probably remember that in May, 1875, Gen. Grant wrote a letter to Mr. H. White, President of the Pennsylvania Republican State Convention, in regard to the third term. He pretended then that he did not want to be nominated again as he pretends now that he does not desire it.

Grant will no doubt conclude if the nomination is tendered him that "such circumstances" have arisen as "make it an imperative duty" for him to accept it.

not been a successful soldier and the popular Northern idol he would have been tried and broken of office.

Judge Thomas Settle, formerly of North Carolina, but now of Florida, is one of the two Judges who visited South Carolina in 1876 for the purpose of securing that State for Hayes.

The Grant travelling party has discovered that there is no such thing in the South as a Democratic Grant boom. Grant, whilst in South Carolina, spoke in high terms of Hampton and his condemnation of the tissue ballots.

"Belong told that tissue ballots were used to neutralize the overwhelming negro majority, and thus, as his Democratic informant alleged, preserve civilization, he replied that he hoped the necessities of civilization would not call for a repetition of this sort of thing."

The reports in regard to a threatening war between Russia on the one side and Austria and Germany on the other will be a surprise to many as it is to us.

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The effect of a Continental war, whether confined to the countries named, or whether it becomes general, would be very damaging to the South, as it would very seriously affect the price of cotton.

Western people are much troubled with that wonderful compound about which we have foretold written, and known in commercial centres as "oleomargarine."

are almost certain to find that beef suet is a chief ingredient in the compound with a shining name.

But as we said, in the Northwest the people are much exercised over the deceptions now practiced by the imitation butter manufacturers. At first the spurious article was manufactured by using beef suet and churning it in milk.

The manufacturers take one part of good butter and three parts of lard, generally buying the lard, and render the lard into brine, and some chemical added which takes away the flavor and changes the color.

If the Railroad were open all the way to Hickory we could eat on our tables nice mountain rolls of butter instead of filling our mouths and stomachs with the compounds now manufactured and labelled butter, and sold at a high price.

Gen. Grant has smooth words for the South now. His little speech at Ferrandina was kindly in tone, and under the circumstances may be regarded as a nice bid for Southern support.

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Cadet Midshipman Smith Salisbury, of New Mexico, has been dismissed from the Naval Academy at Annapolis for "hazing" a fellow student.

The size of vessels coming to this port seems to keep pace with the increasing depth of water at the entrance to our harbor and river.

The constantly increasing depth of water at the mouth of the river, as the works of improvement progress, is an encouragement to vessels of large tonnage to visit our port.

Spain and Italy are not really devouring lard or beef tallow. We are becoming very sceptical, for the cooks tell us when you test the Northern "gilt-edged," by applying heat in the process of cooking, that you

are almost certain to find that beef suet is a chief ingredient in the compound with a shining name.

FREEDMAN'S BANK.

Meeting of the Depositors of the Wilmington Branch - Petition to Congress, &c.

Pursuant to a call made through the columns of the MORNING STAR, by the friends and depositors of the Wilmington Branch of the National Freedman's Bank, quite a number of the depositors met at the Court House at 7 1/2 o'clock yesterday evening.

On motion of Daniel Howard, the following persons were appointed a committee to draft a memorial petitioning the Representatives in Congress to pass the bill now pending before that honorable body, as offered by the Hon. N. P. O'Connor, viz: G. L. Mabson, Jos. E. Hill and Henry A. Ward.

The committee presented the following memorial, which, after being thoroughly discussed, was unanimously adopted:

"The undersigned Freedmen and Depositors of Wilmington humbly pray your honorable body to consider and to pass the bill for the relief of the sufferers by the fraud practiced on them by certain parties in the name of Congress and under color of an act of your honorable body, which has been introduced by Hon. N. P. O'Connor, of S. C."

A vote of thanks was tendered the County Commissioners for the use of the Court-house, and after appointing a time for a future meeting an adjournment was had.

On Monday night, between 7 and 8 o'clock, at the Belvidere plantation, in Brunswick county, three or four miles from this city, Robert and George Everett, both colored, and half brothers, got into a difficulty about some meal belonging to George, who accused "Bob" of appropriating it to his own use.

We found the sufferer lying upon a lounge in Dr. Lane's office. He was very weak, scarcely able to articulate, and said he was in intense pain.

A colored individual by the name of Wm. McKinnon, who had been working near Point Caswell, left the neighborhood a week or so before Christmas, going in the direction of Fayetteville.

The mystery surrounding the fate of Sam. Davis, colored, whose disappearance was mentioned in our last, has not yet been solved.

The new steam saw mill being erected on the site of what is known as the "Burnt Mill" property, near the Wilmington Cotton Mills, is rapidly approaching completion.

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COUNTY COMMISSIONERS.

Abstract of Proceedings in Regular Session.

The Board met in regular session yesterday afternoon; present, W. L. Smith, Chairman, and Messrs. B. G. Worth, H. A. Bagg, James A. Montgomery and A. J. Grady.

Petition of sundry citizens of Federal Point township, asking for discontinuance of Section No. 1 of a public road, extending from the fifth mile post on the Federal Point road to the poor house, was granted, public notice of the same having been made according to law, and there being no objection from citizens of said district, said section of said road is hereby discontinued.

The Treasurer submitted his account for the month of December, 1879, as follows: General fund showing balance in his hands of \$15,131.85; School fund showing balance in hand of \$4,618.23; Special fund showing balance due the Treasurer of \$32.24, and the surrendering of eighteen coupons of \$3 each, which were burned by the Board.

The Register of Deeds submitted his report for the month of December of fees received from marriage licenses, showing the receipt of \$32.20 paid over to the Treasurer.

On application Eliza Taylor was ordered admitted to the Poor House.

Ordered by the Board, that the building on the Poor House lot, known as the Provision and Forge house, be constituted a part of the House of Correction, for the security of prisoners, and the Superintendent is required to make the same secure, and is authorized to build additional rooms at his own expense.

Applications were received from the following persons for licenses to retail spirituous liquors, viz: Robert Porter, F. A. Schutte and C. Vanorson.

Application of G. M. Atwater for abatement of tax of \$500 as income tax was granted.

Nicholas Carr offered his official bond as Constable, with George F. Tiley and W. H. McEade as sureties, which was accepted.

The Board of Commissioners, in the discharge of their duty, have the honor to advise you that the same are in receipt of the proceeds of the sale of the land owned by the State, near the city of Newbern, in the County of Carter, and the same are hereby returned to you, in conformity with the order of the Board of Commissioners.

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Steamboat Enterprise. We interviewed Capt. R. P. Paddison, a day or two since, with reference to his reported movements on the Neuse. He says he expects to put a boat on that river, to run between Newbern and Whitehall, in Wayne county, about seventeen miles below Goldsboro, in time for the spring trade.

Missionary to the Bahama Islands. Capt. W. J. Potter, so well known among our citizens as an ardent worker in the cause of religion, is expected to leave for the Bahama Islands in the course of a week or so, we understand, where he goes in the interest of the American Tract Society as a missionary. The good wishes of our Wilmington and Smithville friends will follow him to his new field of labor.

Spirits Turpentine.

The Constitution is the name of a new paper published at Lincoln. It leans to the Democrats. Neither publisher or editor's name is given.

The Pittsboro Record mentions that Capt. W. L. Joiner, Episcopal minister in that town, has a fine horse, saddle and bridle on Christmas day.

A Roxboro correspondent of the Raleigh News says that one A. C. Brooks has been arrested for running two of his daughters, one of whom had had four children by him. He has been arrested and is now in jail.

Greenville Express: We have just heard of the most distressing accident which occurred near Bethel, in this county, on Christmas day, whereby Henry Keel, aged 17, son of Mrs. Emma Staton, lost his life by the accidental discharge of a gun in the hands of his brother, Gray Keel.

The Deaf Mute's Journal of New York says: "To Mr. Wm. D. Cook, formerly Principal of the North Carolina Institution for the Deaf, Dumb and Blind, may be properly given the credit of publishing the first Constitution paper in the United States, which is called 'The Casket.'"

Chapel Hill Ledger: Mr. Thos. Lloyd, a worthy citizen living some three miles west of Chapel Hill, met with a serious accident on Saturday last, December 27th. He was returning from Hillsboro when he was thrown from his horse, the horse falling on him.

Raleigh Visitor: The total amount of revenue receipts for the week ending January 3, 1880, in this district, was \$3,993.33. The Supreme Court met promptly at 10 o'clock, with Associate Justice Ashe in the chair.

Goldboro Messenger: A young son of Mrs. Anna Jane Yarborough, at Averborough, was seriously hurt with powder, on Christmas day, by the accidental discharge of his gun.

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