

# OBSERVER.

## FAYETTEVILLE.

THURSDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 17, 1861.

**CHERRING.**—The past few days have developed events which must have an important influence on the great contest. The naval triumph at New Orleans shows that the South need not shrink from the conflict upon the element of the North's greatest strength. After whipping them upon the land with one-half and one-fourth of their force, our gallant sailors whip them upon water, where we have no force at all until a few days ago. We presume that our townsman Lieut. McGary shared in the glory of this triumph.

The rupture between the British Minister and Mr. Seward, with the consequent withdrawal of the former from Washington, (if confirmed,) bodes no good to the Lincoln government. It is doubtless owing to the fact that when the British government was appealed to by the U. S. Minister in London, to prevent the loading and sailing of the steamer Bermuda, it refused to interfere, avowing a determination to preserve a neutral position between the North and the South; and as it had allowed arms to be shipped to the North, so it would allow them to be shipped to the South. And so the Bermuda came to Savannah, with a cargo of cannon, small arms, powder and ball, blankets, shoes, &c., of prices less than at Savannah, and with a cargo of cotton, small arms, powder and ball, blankets, shoes, &c., of prices less than at Savannah, and with a cargo of cotton, small arms, powder and ball, blankets, shoes, &c., of prices less than at Savannah.

**THE REPORTED LANDING.**—On Monday we briefly mentioned a report brought by the stage driver, that 50,000 men had landed at some undefined point in South Carolina. The same evening we heard the story located at Swannaburgh, in Oostow county, in our own State. And it turns out that what very little foundation it had related to that obscure port. It would seem to have grown out of the arrest of some "bankers" on Beige Sound, (the same sort of people as the Lincolnists found at Hatteras,) on suspicion of having tampered with a party of about 50 of the Lincoln Mending forces, who had landed at Beige inlet and had an interview with the fishermen. The latter said that the rascals had come to them without invitation. After examination they were discharged as ignoramus.

**FROM "THE CUMBERLAND PLOUGH ROYS."**—We received this morning the following card:  
ARMY OF KANAWHA, (at Camp Defense),  
The Sewell Mountain, Fayette Co., Va., Oct. 9.  
Messrs. E. J. HALE & SONS:—The Cumberland Plough Boys wish me to acknowledge the receipt of \$275 10, (three hundred and seventy five dollars and ten cents,) from Mr. J. C. Blocker, subscribed by the citizens of Fayetteville for their relief—and to return to them our sincere and heartfelt thanks for the same. It came indeed at a time when much needed by our sick, (which number about 60,) and they will ever remember them with the deepest emotions of gratitude.  
THOMAS H. BLOCKER, Captain.

We also received letters of the 9th and 11th from J. C. Blocker, who states that he and Mr. Love arrived at Camp Defense on the 7th, after quite a variety in the way of travel from Jackson River—39 miles by stage, 16 miles on foot, and 12 miles on horseback without saddles, through rain and mud, the last 12 miles so bad that 3 lbs. of flour make a load for 4 horse wagon.

They found Gen. Lee, Loring and Floyd all there and ready for a fight, but the game had fled between two days. There were many sick in camp and on the road, caused by change of climate and exposure, for want of tents, baggage and provisions. The government should not expect the army to advance under such circumstances. It has done all it could. Mr. B. says: "I must tell the Ladies that the boys have taught me a new way to make four bread on those forced marches when they carry nothing to cook with. They make up their dough, wrap it around sticks, and stand it up before the fire to bake. I expect to stay here a week, sleeping on poles and eating what I can get, and then return, if spared, to feel at every good meal I eat, and on every good bed I sleep on, for my own and other dear ones exposed to the dreadful hardships of war. No one at home can feel as he would after being here. There have been frost and snow here, but today is clear and fine, and the men can dry all their wet things—what little they have."

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The 14th N. C. Regiment has undergone more hardships than it would seem to be borne by men, making long forced marches through rain and mud without food, or eating raw corn when to be had.

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We have received from an officer in the 25th Regiment N. C. Volunteers, at Wilmington, a sharp reply to a recent paragraph in the Wilmington Journal, which suggested the propriety of removing that and another regiment out of the corporate limits of Wilmington. The writer takes offence at this, and contrasts the treatment of his men at Wilmington with the kind attentions bestowed on them at High Point, where they were encamped when ordered to Wilmington. We must decline to publish the communication, (though the officer authorizes us to attach his name to it,) for the reason that we think no good could be done by criminality and recrimination; and we only publish this notice of it with a view to call the attention of those interested to the fact of Craven county for one-fourth of their negro force for two weeks, to complete the defence near Newbern; and that the people had so far failed to comply that Col. Singletary had been obliged to give notice that he would enforce the requisition.

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**IRON.**—We casually heard, a few days ago, that the great establishment in Richmond, the Tredgore Works, where a thousand or two men are said to be employed in making cannon, steam engines, and a hundred other things indispensable to our Southern Confederacy, is but indifferently supplied with iron, and has to send all over the country, even to New Orleans, to purchase up the pig iron needed for its furnaces, paying \$40 a ton for what is generally worth but \$20.

It is his, so why do not capitalists, here and in Chatham, at once put up more iron works on Deep River, and thus supply a great want of the country, developing the wealth of that wonderful region, and at the same time enrich themselves? The cost of the works necessary to make the pig iron is but a few thousands, we believe, and the time required to erect them not much. The manufacture of pig iron will undoubtedly lead to the higher branches of iron manufacture—that is, if our people have the energy necessary to constitute a self-reliant and independent nation.

Why may we not have works of this kind in Fayetteville? The ore can be brought here, as we have often seen many car loads of it carried into Baltimore from a distance. There is every facility in Fayetteville for this manufacture here. Commence it now, when so much needed, and when the profit will be so great?

**THE ELECTORAL TICKET.**—In the 10th District, Mr. Candler being a candidate for Congress and therefore ineligible as Elector, the Standard has substituted A. S. Merrimon, whose antecedents and present views coincided with those of Mr. Candler. The proposed ticket is therefore as follows:—

FOR THE STATE OF LARGES.  
DAVID S. REID, of Rockingham  
JOHN POOL, of Pasquotank.

DISTRICT ELECTORS.  
1st District, Lewis Thompson, of Bertie,  
24 " Council Wooten, of Lenoir  
24 " L. W. Humphrey, of Onslow  
4th " Jesse G. Shepherd, of Cumberland.  
5th " William Eaton, Jr., of Warrenton  
6th " Bedford Browne, of Caswell  
7th " William P. Taylor, of Chatham.  
8th " John Walker, of Mecklenburg  
9th " Tod R. Caldwell, of Burke.  
10th " A. S. Merrimon, of Curbeucor.

**A TRICK MAN.**—In publishing the subjoined letter from Col. Vance, we cannot help contrasting his course with that of Col. Clinchman. Vance was an old Union man, but when Lincoln's Proclamation gave the quietus to the Union, he volunteered as a private, was first elected Captain of a Company and then Colonel of a Regiment. He had a civil reputation, experience, and ambition. He was invited to leave the army and go to Congress, which he could easily have done, for he is by far the most popular man in his District. But no. His country needs him in the field, and in the field he remains.

Clinchman is the very opposite of all this. An intense rebel for disunion marked his course. When disunion and the war came, he did not enter the ranks as a private, or as anything but a Colonel. And after getting that high position, instead of sharing the trials and hardships of his men, he posts off to Raleigh to elect himself for a seat in Congress. When defeated for that, he falls back upon the office and joins his Regiment.

Behold the two men, and now read Vance's letter:—

HEADQUARTERS, 25th Reg't N. C. T.,  
Camp Bigwoods, near Morehead City, Sept. 18.

DEAR SIR:—Your letter of the 24th inst., addressed to my brother, was forwarded by him and received this day. In it you speak of my being a candidate for Congress; and you say that if I will be a candidate for Congress, I must tell the Ladies that the boys have taught me a new way to make four bread on those forced marches when they carry nothing to cook with. They make up their dough, wrap it around sticks, and stand it up before the fire to bake. I expect to stay here a week, sleeping on poles and eating what I can get, and then return, if spared, to feel at every good meal I eat, and on every good bed I sleep on, for my own and other dear ones exposed to the dreadful hardships of war. No one at home can feel as he would after being here. There have been frost and snow here, but today is clear and fine, and the men can dry all their wet things—what little they have."

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**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE SOLDIERS.**—Tuesday's Richmond Examiner has another long list of registrations at the Passport office, among which we find the following from North Carolina:—

Mr. Hymon, \$100 for 2d North Carolina Reg't. Daniel Catts \$800 for 5th N. C. J. T. Evans, \$200 to 1st N. C. State Troop. T. T. Ford and Francis Byler, \$1000 to 11th N. C. Dr. John Gray, \$500 to 3d N. C. Cicero Moore, and H. M. Gray \$1300 to 4th and 6th N. C. A. Speight, \$150 to 3d N. C.

The Examiner says,—"The aggregate amount of clothing, stores &c., reported at the Passport office this far is \$39,064, which is not however three-fourths of the amount. Quantities of clothing and stores have been conveyed by private hands to the army, of which the chief of the Pass-port office has received no returns. It is estimated that enough clothing will have been received in the course of the ensuing month, to furnish the entire army, and without the cost of a dollar to the Government."

**WORK OF THE SAME SORT.**—Yesterday's Dispatch gives a list of later contributions, amounting to \$33,700, making an aggregate so far of \$72,764 in all registered up to the 15th inst. The following from North Carolina are in the list last:—

1st " Bell, Martin, James, L. Barrow, and Joseph O. Hall, \$6,000, clothing to 11th North Carolina.  
2d " Samuel Brown, Wm. Schafer, and J. J. Martin, \$1200, clothing to 12th N. C.  
3d " R. G. Tuttle and L. W. Gilbert, \$780, clothing to 12th N. C. Volunteers.  
4th " A. W. Walker, \$1000, clothing to 6th North Carolina.  
5th " T. H. Walker, \$150, to same.

**"THE DANGER OF REBELLION IN THE NORTH."**—Under this head the N. Y. Times of the 6th inst. has a long editorial article, which we find in a Richmond paper. It is significant of the downfall of Lincoln, the Republican party, and the United States government, all of which will undergo a trial during the ensuing six months from which we do not believe they can come out safely. Strangely enough, the Times anticipates the trouble, the rebellion, from the abolitionists, for whom, it appears, Lincoln is not ultra enough. But there will be other troublesome elements besides the abolitionists. There will be the starving men, women and children of the cities, the widows and orphans of the killed in battle, the rich men made poor, the Democrats who wish again to get into power, and perhaps above all these, the people of the great Northwest. None of these can be heartily enlisted in this war upon the South, and every day will more and more open their eyes to its suicidal effects—always providing the South should not sustain any great reverse in battle. The world is given to standing by those who show that they are able to stand alone, and if the South continues, as heretofore, to show this, and to keep the Bull Runners on the trot, the disaffection of all these classes at the North will grow till it becomes an overwhelming torrent, that will sweep Lincoln and all before it.

We make the following extract from the Times's article:—

"The symptoms of a mutinous and seditious spirit against the Government are daily and hourly developing themselves at the North, in the radical wing of the Republican party and among the Abolitionists of the true-blue stripe. Both factions, having been separated by only the breadth of a hair, or the difference between twiddle-dum and twiddle-dee, are now cordially united in opposition to the Administration, whose many letters to Fremont is the occasion for the opening of a general fire upon him, from the big sixty-four pounders down to the pop-guns. Even the telegraph at St. Louis is used to spread mutiny through the North. Under these circumstances the Government are daily and hourly coming forward and sustain Mr. Lincoln and denounce the Abolitionists, who are the prime cause of the present misfortunes of the country, and are doing their worst to render permanent the mischief they have wrought. The Government itself, consulting its own duty, ought to have removed the leaders, who are a thousand times more dangerous than the editors of Northern papers sympathizing with the Southern rebellion, and opposing the war for the Union. The Secession has never had any strength at the North, and it is now completely quenched here by the vigorous action of the Government; but more formidable and a far more extensive disunion element openly defies the President, spits upon and excretes the Constitution, which is the bond of the Union, and threatens to subvert our whole political system, turning it into a conciliatory military despotism, or into a Mexican empire, in which numerous petty chieftains will each play an independent part."

"We now warn Mr. Lincoln that there is a disaffection in his Government in his own party at the North; that it is every day gaining strength; that it will, if he speedily crushes it, it is very likely soon to crush him and betray the cause of the Union into the hands of its Southern foes. If the policy of the red revolutionary republicans prevailed, and the Government were weak enough to succumb to it, and to endorse such proclamations as Fremont's, or issue orders to the same effect, the North would become a divided instead of a united people, and the South would become so thoroughly united that it would be as easy to find a white arrow in the eye of a Union man beyond the belt of appointment. When the war commenced, no sane, well informed man hoped for the success of our arms, unless upon the basis of a Union element in the Southern States, which would become developed as our armies advanced. The malignity of abolitionism seeks to destroy that element and convert it into one of hostility."

"Already great evil has been done by the proclamation of Gen. Fremont in Missouri. We have the testimony of Rev. Mr. Olmsted, pastor of the Baptist Church in St. Louis, in a letter in a Chicago Republican journal, that 'the whole country in Northwestern Missouri is up and flocking by hundreds to Price's camp, their arms being of every description; that the whole force of the rebels marching from various points in the State, and all stationed at Grand River. A great army, consisting of the infantry and cavalry, is being formed; that the whole country in Northwestern Missouri is up and flocking by hundreds to Price's camp, their arms being of every description; that the whole force of the rebels marching from various points in the State, and all stationed at Grand River. 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