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BURNING OF OLD C. S. LABORATORY BUILDING IN RICHMOND!

TERRIBLE EXPLOSION OF SHELL—ONE SOLDIER KILLED AND A NEGRO SEVERELY WOUNDED.

About four o'clock yesterday afternoon the cluster of wooden buildings known as the old Confederate States Laboratory, situated in the hollow east of the canal, between the old battery and the pump-house, took fire from some cause not certainly known, and was entirely destroyed.

The combustible contents of the buildings destroyed rendered it perilous for any one to approach too near, and therefore, as soon as it became known to the military directors of the police force of the city, a heavy guard was placed on both sides of the canal, near the Oregon Hill bridge, with instructions to keep back those whose curiosity might overlap their caution and carry them in the way of danger.

The first direct account came from a negro boy named Holt, who, when he reached us, was streaming with blood from one of his legs which had been struck by a piece of shell, and had a bunch of flesh scooped entirely out, leaving his limb a few inches above the knee-bone to the bone. Besides his injuries in this respect, his head was awinged, and nearly destitute of hair.

The Kentucky Election. The Cincinnati Enquirer, of Tuesday last, says, referring to the Kentucky elections: The majorities returned for the Abolition candidates in the counties of Kenton and Campbell, opposite to the city, were, to a great extent, the result of direct interference.

Cabinet Changes—Treatment of Prisoners. A Washington dispatch says: Rumors are circulating again that John Corvode is to succeed Secretary Harlan, of the Interior Department, and that Mr. Seward is also to retire; but the probabilities are against any change in the Cabinet.

"I WOULD RATHER BE RIGHT THAN BE PRESIDENT."—Henry Clay.

A PROCLAMATION.

BY W. W. HOLDEN, PROVISIONAL GOVERNOR.

TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

In pursuance of power vested in me by ANDREW JOHNSON, President of the United States, by his Proclamation of May 29th, 1865, appointing a Provisional Governor of North Carolina, under the fourth article of the Constitution of the United States, which guarantees to every State in the Union a republican form of government; and in order to enable the loyal people of said State to organize a State Government, whereby justice may be established, domestic tranquility restored, and loyal citizens protected in all their rights of life, liberty, and property; and in order, also, that said State may be restored to its Constitutional relations to the Federal Government, by presenting such a republican form of government as will entitle the State to the guarantee of the United States therefor, and its people to protection by the United States against invasion, insurrection, and domestic violence, I, WILLIAM W. HOLDEN, Provisional Governor as aforesaid, do hereby proclaim that an election will be held in said State, on Thursday, the 21st day of September, 1865, for a Convention, to be composed of one hundred and twenty delegates, to be chosen as follows:

- The county of Alamance will choose two members. The county of Alexander will choose one member. The counties of Ashe and Alleghany will choose one member. The county of Anson will choose two members. The county of Beaufort will choose two members. The county of Bertie will choose two members. The county of Bladen will choose one member. The county of Brunswick will choose one member. The county of Buncombe will choose one member. The county of Burke will choose one member. The county of Cabarrus will choose one member. The county of Caldwell will choose one member. The county of Camden will choose one member. The county of Carteret will choose one member. The county of Caswell will choose two members. The county of Catawba will choose one member. The county of Chatham will choose three members. The counties of Cherokee and Clay will choose one member. The county of Chowan will choose one member. The county of Cleveland will choose two members. The county of Columbus will choose one member. The county of Craven will choose two members. The counties of Cumberland and Harnett will choose three members. The county of Currituck will choose one member. The county of Davidson will choose two members. The county of Davis will choose one member. The county of Duplin will choose two members. The counties of Edgecombe and Wilson will choose two members. The county of Forsyth will choose two members. The county of Franklin will choose one member. The county of Gaston will choose one member. The county of Gates will choose one member. The county of Granville will choose three members. The county of Greene will choose one member. The county of Guilford will choose three members. The county of Halifax will choose two members. The county of Haywood will choose one member. The counties of Henderson and Transylvania will choose one member. The county of Hertford will choose one member. The county of Hyde will choose one member. The county of Iredell will choose two members. The county of Jackson will choose one member. The county of Johnson will choose two members. The county of Jones will choose one member. The county of Lenoir will choose one member. The county of Lincoln will choose one member.

- The county of Macon will choose one member. The county of Madison will choose one member. The county of Martin will choose one member. The county of McDowell will choose one member. The county of Mecklenburg will choose two members. The county of Montgomery will choose one member. The county of Moore will choose one member. The county of Nash will choose one member. The county of New Hanover will choose two members. The county of Northampton will choose two members. The county of Onslow will choose one member. The county of Orange will choose two members. The county of Pasquotank will choose one member. The county of Perquimans will choose one member. The county of Person will choose one member. The county of Pitt will choose two members. The county of Randolph will choose two members. The county of Richmond will choose one member. The county of Robeson will choose two members. The county of Rockingham will choose two members. The county of Rowan will choose two members. The counties of Rutherford and Polk will choose two members. The county of Sampson will choose two members. The county of Stanly will choose one member. The county of Stokes will choose one member. The county of Surry will choose one member. The county of Tyrrell will choose one member. The county of Union will choose one member. The county of Wake will choose three members. The county of Warren will choose two members. The county of Washington will choose one member. The county of Watauga will choose one member. The county of Wayne will choose two members. The county of Wilkes will choose two members. The county of Yadkin will choose one member.

The Clerks and Sheriffs of the respective counties will proceed at once to assemble the Justices of the Peace, a majority of whom will select from their number not less than six nor more than eighteen Justices, men of intelligence, discretion, firmness, and approved loyalty, whose duty it shall be to administer to those who may be entitled to receive it, the oath contained in the President's Amnesty Proclamation of May 29th, 1865, under such instructions as may be prescribed in this Proclamation. The Justices shall, at the same time, appoint Inspectors of the elections at the various precincts in their respective Counties, in accordance with the law in relation thereto, Chapter 52, Revised Code of North Carolina. The elections for members of the Convention shall be conducted in the same manner as elections for members of the House of Commons, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 52, Revised Code, so far as said provisions may be applicable; and the officers appointed to hold said elections; and to make returns thereof, shall be liable to the same penalties for failure to act, or for neglect of duty, as are prescribed in Chapter 52, Revised Code.

No person will be allowed to vote who is not a voter qualified as prescribed by the Constitution and laws of the State, in force immediately before the 20th day of May, 1861; except that the payment of a poll tax shall not be required.

All paroled soldiers of the army and navy of the pretended Confederate States, or of this State, under and including the rank of Colonel, if of the army, and under and including the rank of Lieutenant, if of the navy, will be allowed to vote, provided they are not included in any of the fourteen excluded classes of the President's Amnesty Proclamation; and, provided further, that they are citizens of the State in accordance with the terms prescribed in the preceding paragraph.

No person will be allowed to vote who does not exhibit to the Inspectors a copy of the Amnesty Oath, as contained in the President's Proclamation of May 29th, 1865, signed by himself and certified by at least two Justices of the Peace.

Printed copies of the Amnesty Oath will be furnished to the Clerks, who will distribute them to the Justices appointed to administer

the oath. The Justices will deliver the certified copy to the person taking the oath, and retain the original to be transmitted to this office.

Justices of the Peace are authorized to administer the Amnesty Oath to persons who may desire to apply to the President for a pardon.

The Sheriffs of the respective Counties shall furnish, as soon as practicable, certificates of election to those persons who may have received the highest number of votes as members of the Convention; and the Sheriffs shall also immediately send to the office of the Secretary of the State, Raleigh, a statement of the vote in their respective Counties for the members aforesaid, and also a statement of the said vote, sealed up, directed to the President of the Convention, Raleigh, to be laid before the Convention.

The members of the Convention thus chosen, will assemble in the city of Raleigh, on Monday, the second day of October, 1865.

The attention of Justices appointed to administer the Amnesty Oath, is especially directed to the following fourteen excluded classes of the President's Amnesty Proclamation of May 29th, 1865:

- First—All who are, or shall have been, pretended civil or diplomatic officers, or otherwise, domestic or foreign agents of the pretended Confederate government. Second—All who left judicial stations under the United States to aid the rebellion. Third—All who shall have been military or naval officers of said pretended Confederate government, above the rank of Colonel in the army or Lieutenant in the navy. Fourth—All who left seats in the Congress of the United States to aid the rebellion. Fifth—All who resigned or tendered resignations of their commissions in the army or navy of the United States to evade duty in resisting the rebellion. Sixth—All who have engaged in any way in the treating otherwise than lawfully as prisoners of war, persons found in the United States service, as officers, soldiers, seamen, or in other capacities. Seventh—All persons who have been or are absentees from the United States for the purpose of aiding the rebellion. Eighth—All military and naval officers in the rebel service who were educated by the government in the Military Academy at West Point, or the United States Naval Academy. Ninth—All persons who held the pretended offices of Governors of States in insurrection against the United States. Tenth—All persons who left their homes within the jurisdiction and protection of the United States, and passed beyond the federal military lines into the so-called Confederate States for the purpose of aiding the rebellion. Eleventh—All persons who have been engaged in the destruction of the commerce of the United States upon the high seas, and persons who have made raids into the United States from Canada, or been engaged in destroying the commerce of the United States upon the lakes and rivers that separate the British provinces from the United States. Twelfth—All persons who, at the time when they seek to obtain the benefits hereof by taking the oath herein prescribed, are in military, naval or civil confinement or custody, or under bonds of the civil, military or naval authorities or agents of the United States, as prisoners of war, or persons detained for offenses of any kind either before or after conviction. Thirteenth—All persons who have voluntarily participated in said rebellion, and the estimated value of whose taxable property is over twenty thousand dollars. Fourteenth—All persons who have taken the oath of amnesty as prescribed in the President's proclamation of December eighth, A. D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty-three, or an oath of allegiance to the government of the United States since the date of said proclamation, and who have not henceforward kept and maintained the same inviolate: Provided, That special application may be made to the President for pardon by any person belonging to the excepted classes, and such clemency will be liberally extended as may be consistent with the facts of the case and the peace and dignity of the United States.

Under the first exception are included all persons who have been civil or diplomatic officers or agents of the pretended Confederate government, either within, or without the territorial limits of the United States. Under the seventh exception are included all officers, agents, or private citizens who have been absent from the United States for the purpose of aiding the rebellion.

Under the thirteenth exception are included all who, during the rebellion, have held any office or agency under the State or pretended Confederate government; or have in any way voluntarily joined in the rebellion, as for example, by entering or marching with armed forces hostile to the United States; by sending or furnishing money, provisions, or arms to persons engaged in the rebellion, save in cases where money or provisions were furnished from the promptings of charity or humanity; by acting with assemblages of persons, whether organized or unorganized, hostile to the

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United States; or in any other way giving voluntary aid, assistance or encouragement to the rebellion; and whose taxable property on the 29th day of May, 1865, exceeded in value the sum of twenty thousand dollars.

The other exceptions are so plain as not to require explanation. No certificate will be granted by the Justices to any person who is included within any of the fourteen excluded classes, unless on exhibition by the party of his pardon from his office from the President.

The Justices appointed to administer the Amnesty Oath, and to furnish certificates of the same which shall be evidence of loyalty, are especially instructed to be vigilant and faithful. While it will not be their duty to attempt to pry into the hearts and consciences of men, they will nevertheless admonish those who may apply to take the oath, that it must be taken and subscribed in good faith, with an honest intention on their part to keep it without secret purpose or mental reservation upon any occasion or at any time to commit any act in violation of said oath; and they will warn them that if the oath is not thus taken and kept, the pardon offered them by the President will be void, and they will remain subject to trial under the law for perjury and treason.

The Justices, Clerks and Sheriffs, whose duty it is to provide for administering the oath and to conduct the elections, are enjoined to use every practicable means to enable every citizen to take the oath who may desire and be entitled to do so. And the Inspectors are enjoined to inspect and examine fairly and truly, to decide in every case in accordance with the law, and with the instructions they have received from this office; and to make prompt and correct returns of the number of votes and for whom cast, at their respective precincts.

Done at our city of Raleigh, the eighth day of August, one thousand eight hundred and sixty-five, and in the year of the independence of the United States the sixtieth.

WILLIAM W. HOLDEN, Provisional Governor.

By the Governor: LEWIS HANES, Private Secretary.

GOVERNMENT OF UNITED STATES.

- President—Andrew Johnson, of Tennessee. Secretary of State—W. H. Seward, of New York. Secretary of War—Elias M. Stanton, of Pennsylvania. Postmaster General—William Donelson, of Ohio. Secretary of the Navy—Gideon Welles, of Connecticut. Secretary of the Interior—James Harlan, of Iowa. Secretary of the Treasury—Hugh McCulloch, of Illinois. Attorney General—James Speed, of Kentucky. President of the Senate—Lafayette S. Foster, of Connecticut. Speaker of the House—Schuyler Colfax, of Indiana. Chief Justice—Roger Taney, of Maryland. Associate Justices: Salmon P. Chase, Ohio; Chief Justice; 1. James M. Wayne, Georgia; 2. Samuel Nelson, New York; 3. Robert C. Grier, Pennsylvania; 4. Nathan Clifford, Maine; 5. Noah H. Swayne, Ohio; 6. Daniel Davis, Illinois; 7. Samuel Miller, Iowa; 8. Samuel F. Field, California. Chief Justice of the Supreme Court—Roger Taney, of Maryland. Adjutant General—Lorenzo Thomas, Delaware. Judge Advocate General—Joseph Holt, D. C. Quartermaster General—Montgomery C. Meigs, Pennsylvania.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT OF N. C.

- Headquarters Department at North Carolina, Governor's Mansion, foot of Fayetteville Street. Brevet Maj. Gen. RUGER. Headquarters Tenth Army Corps, corner Fayetteville Street and Capitol Square—Brevet Maj. Gen. AMES. Headquarters Second Division, Tenth Army Corps, Wilmington Street—Col. COAN, 48th N. Y. Headquarters Post of Raleigh, in House of Commons, Capitol—Lieut. Col. J. M. McDONALD. Provost Marshal Post of Raleigh, office ground floor of Capitol, Halifax Street entrance, Supreme Court Room—Capt. J. A. BARRETT. Post Quartermaster's Office, Fayetteville Street, opposite the Market House—Capt. A. H. BARBOUR. Post Commissary, Office on N. N. Square—Capt. EDWARD LAURENCE. Bureau of Prisons, between 1st and 2nd Streets, Union Hotel, corner Halifax Street—Colonel W. WILLESLEY. Chief Quartermaster's Office, Department of North Carolina, Bank of Days' Feet, Colonel Boyd. Post Quartermaster's Office, opposite the Market House, Fayetteville Street—Capt. MURKIN HOBBS. Transportation Office at the N. C. R. Depot.

GOVERNMENT OF NORTH CAROLINA.

- William W. Holden, of Wake county, Provisional Governor. Jos. S. Casperson, of Perquimans, Aid with the rank of Colonel. T. S. Caldwell, of Burke. Aid with the rank of Colonel. Lewis Hanes, of Davidson, Private Secretary. E. C. Barker, of Wake, and W. H. Bagley, of Perquimans, Judges of the Supreme Court. S. M. Parish and J. D. Pallen, of Wake, Clerks. Thos. A. Ramsey, of Wake, Clerk and Treasurer. Jonathan Worth, of Randolph, Treasurer. Donald W. Bain, of Wake, Chief Clerk in Treasurer. G. B. Thomas, of Carteret, Secretary of State.

CLASSICAL AND MATHEMATICAL SCHOOL.

14 MILES EAST OF RALEIGH. THE next session of my School will commence on MONDAY, JULY 24th. Board can be had in the neighborhood for a limited number of boys at \$10 per month. Tuition per term of 20 weeks \$35. For the present my address is Raleigh, N. C. July 19, 1865. WILLIAM C. DOUGLASS, PRINCIPAL.