

HOLDEN AND THE MILITIA.

Among the very best descriptions of the accidental ruler of North Carolina is the one published below from the Norfolk Virginian. It will strike every reader who has any knowledge of Governor Holden with its truthfulness. Our Virginia neighbor has an admirable conception of the Governor's meaning in reference to the passage in the annual message relating to the militia laws and the necessity for a change so as to give him even greater military power than he now possesses. Not content with the authority now given, to call and organize negro bands to oppress and degrade the respectable whites, he wishes the Legislature to delegate to him more despotic power—a power that will enable him to crush out the last symptoms of opposition to his designs. If the Legislature is wise Holden's authority over the militia will be abridged and not extended. As the Virginian says, he is one of the most dangerous men in the country and too many obstacles cannot be thrown in the way to prevent the consummation of his purposes. We have already seen what an agent of lawlessness has made of his negro cohorts. The only object he desires to attain by the extension of his authority is to seek revenge upon the people of the State, who, he well knows, despise him fully as much as he hates them.

The Governor of North Carolina is one of the most dangerous men in this country—he has a versatility which enables him to be all things to all men, and a consummate art in cloaking the most bitter partisan designs under glittering generalities, which deceive the people. But, the admiral of Calhoun, the author of a reward for the head of Lincoln, the intense Confederate, when the Confederacy seemed prosperous, is now, as eager as bitter and as unscrupulous in the service of his radical master as Leconte was in the interest of his own section.

This document he says: "Under the present military law the Executive is comparatively powerless to enforce the laws. These laws should be amended, so as to give the Executive the authority to employ promptly such a militia force as will enable him to repress violence in certain localities and maintain the peace."

Here we see he demands more power to be used by the Executive, nominally to preserve the peace, but really to inflame the people, and to produce collision and bloodshed as the exigencies of his party may require. We sincerely trust that the Legislature of North Carolina, so far from enlarging the present power of their Captain General, will take especially pains to deprive him of the ability which he now has and exercises to send lawless bands of armed negroes through the country to stir up strife and increase bitterness.

Suicide.

The singular attempt of the Indian convicts, Horse Driver and Little Wolf, to commit suicide at Omaha, on the 11th inst., has already been announced by telegraph. The Omaha Republican gives the following description of this attempt:—"At dinner, Horse Driver and Little Wolf secured a stick of wood and proceeded to put an end to themselves as follows:—Little Wolf fell into possession of the shortest stick, a round rod of hard wood about six inches in length, sharpened somewhat at one end. This he drove by the exertion of much force, by pressing against the wall, about an inch and a quarter into his chest, between the ribs. It took a good jerk on the part of Jailor Boess to pull the implement of destruction from the place where it was imbedded. Horse Driver, whose stick was about a foot and a half in length thrust it down his throat until not a sign of it was to be seen. The two however, after they had thus "sticked" themselves, could not refrain from natural groanings, and so their games were discovered. Several doctors were sent for, one of whom pulled the sticks from the stomach of Horse Driver. It is evident that both men have given themselves bad wounds, but it is not thought either will produce deaths."

Among the many curious stories told about the old frigate Constitution is the following: On board the Guerriere, when captured, was Lieutenant afterward, Admiral, Chads. Ill luck put him on board the Java, when she was crippled and sunk. Years afterward, Lieut. Chads, having become a captain or admiral, found himself lying at anchor alongside of his old enemy in the harbor of Toulon. Commodore Patterson in command. By some good oversight, in firing a salute the guns of the Constitution were left shot, and the missiles were sent wildly among the peaceful shipping—among others, reaching the English flag ship, and killed several. Tradition says that Admiral Chads rushed on deck and rather impetuously remarked, "D—n that old ship, I believe she will never stop firing at me!"

Little Phil's Big Effort.

The Louisville Courier Journal gives the following as a speech made by General Sheridan at the meeting of the officers of the Army of the Tennessee in that city:

A number of celebrities were honored with a call and responded, when the crowd commenced yelling for Sheridan. "Sheridan! Sheridan!" was thundered from every part of the crowded hall. After a good deal of head shaking, "Little Phil" got up, and coming out in front of Gen. Sherman, said: "DEAR COMRADES:—I can't make a speech; but if you want me to tear up a railroad, or burn a haystack, when the enemy is going to get it, and—and—and—" and he ended himself back to his seat.

There is a belief in Mexico that when the Jesuits were driven out of that country they buried in one of their principal colleges an immense amount of treasure. Various unsuccessful efforts have been made to find it. Some years ago, a firm, composed of one or two Americans and some Spaniards, was formed for the purpose of excavating on a large scale. The machinery was seized in one of the political revolutions and destroyed. A claim for the loss is to be brought before the Mexican Commission which meets in December. The claim amounts to \$20,000.

TATE NEWS.

A colored boy by the name of Jacob Biven was arrested yesterday on the charge of forgery. It seems that Mr. Hallett, of the firm of Martin & Hallett, who is in charge of the distilleries on the opposite side of the river, has been purchasing oil casks from said Biven for some time past and given him small orders on Mr. Martin for the amount due him. These orders the boy has been in the habit of altering, by changing the figures, so as to make them call for more than intended, while Mr. Martin, not suspecting anything, has been cashing them without any hesitation. His career of crime, however, was suddenly brought to a close yesterday morning, for the time being, by the discovery that he had forged two orders, signed "Hallett," purporting to come from Mr. B. A. Hallett, and for which Mr. Martin had given him a check on one of the city banks. As soon as the fact was ascertained, an effort was made to stop the payment of the same, but it was found that he had already presented it for collection. Biven was thereupon arrested and carried before Justice McQuigg, who, upon hearing the facts of the case, required him to give security in the sum of \$250 for his appearance before the next term of the Superior Court.—Star.

A gentleman connected with the Wilmington and Manchester Railroad informs us that emigration in the counties along the line of the road in our neighboring State of South Carolina, is becoming prevalent to an extent which is truly alarming to those who are solicitous for the welfare and prosperity of the State. This state of affairs is more particularly observable in Darlington county. On Monday or Tuesday last about forty emigrants from that county got on the train at Timmonsville, who stated that they were en route for Arkansas, and on the Wednesday following about twenty more started for the same destination. Our friend informs us, that this state of things has been in existence for some time past, is constantly on the increase, and fears are entertained that it will finally result in almost depopulating the county.—Star.

The foundation for another large and fine brick store was commenced on the burnt block, by Mr. Wm. Robinson, on Wednesday last, and when completed will be both useful and ornamental to our town. Success to all such enterprising gentlemen say we, and may the time hasten on when the whole of the burnt block will be one solid brick front.—Messenger.

Hon. R. P. Dick is lecturing in Greensboro on the subject of "Hobbes Poetry."

We learn from the Standard that Rev. Wm. B. Wellons, address the people of Raleigh, at Temperance Hall, on Wednesday night.—Star.

At a meeting of the originators of the Tournament and Coronation Ball, to be held in Kinston, on December 16th, 1869, E. F. Cox was elected President, and B. F. Nunn, Secretary.

The object of the meeting was for the election of officers to conduct said Tournament.

On motion E. F. Cox was elected Chief Marshal; Assistants, S. B. West, W. F. Huggins, J. W. Harper and J. B. Taylor.

On motion the following gentlemen were elected Judges: H. F. Bond, R. F. Green, S. H. Rountree and J. C. Kennedy.

The following gentlemen were elected as Committee of Arrangements: J. F. Wooten, A. Nicol, J. A. Pridgen, Wm. W. N. Hunter, J. D. Dibble and L. Harvey.

The following gentlemen were then elected Ball Managers and Committee of Invitation: T. J. Presson, B. F. Nunn, T. A. Harvey, J. C. Wooten, Jr., Geo. E. Korngay and E. F. Small.

On motion it was resolved that knights from the adjacent counties be cordially invited to attend.

On motion the Secretary was ordered to request the Wilson, Goldsboro and Newbern papers to copy the proceedings of the meeting.

E. F. Cox, Chairman. B. F. NUNN, Secretary.

Clover is the cheapest and best manure that can be had. Nothing pays better than a field of clover ploughed under. It enriches the soil quicker than barnyard manure, and puts it in better condition. To plough it down well, if it stands thick and high each morning a roller should be drawn over as much as can be ploughed in a day, and a weight should be fastened to the point of the plough, beam to drag it into the furrow. In this way it can be completely covered. Clover contains all the elements needed to enrich the soil for all kinds of grain, and in larger quantities than other manures.

MEMPHIS, Nov. 24.—A party of masked men went to the plantation of William Jones near Tiptonville, Tenn., for the purpose of disarming Jones' negroes. Jones, being forewarned, fired on the party, killed one and mortally wounding two. The maskers retreated. The officers of the law next day arrested Jones and his six negroes, and Jones was taken to the river and placed on the steamer for Louisville. The negroes while en route for Troy, were captured by a party and five of them shot. The sixth was spared. The excitement in Tipton is great, and further bloodshed is apprehended.

JAPANESE NAVAL STUDENTS. By the act of Congress of July 27, 1867, the Secretary of the Navy was authorized to receive for instruction at the naval academy at Annapolis ten subjects of the Japanese. Emperor, provided that no expense accrue to the United States. Under this arrangement two young Japanese, Ise Sataro and Matsumura Junzo, have arrived in Washington, and will report at the naval academy in the course of a few days.

The Mayor of Natchez, Miss., gave notice that the average price of flour of first quality being \$10 per barrel, the twenty cent loaf shall weigh 50 ounces ten cent loaf 25 ounces five cent loaf 12 ounces. Bread of second quality shall weigh one eighth more. Strawberries are ripe in Florida.

Two colored men near Rolling Fork, Issaquena county, Miss., had a difficulty which resulted in their attendance before a colored magistrate in the neighborhood. After a hearing, the justice decided that both men were in fault, and that each should pay a fine of \$48 each. But both were unable to pay. The embarrassed justice finally hit upon a plan to get even with them. He put both to work on his forty-acre cotton patch, and they picked 4,800 pounds each to the square acre.

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