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### LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

For interesting general news see fourth page.

**THEATRE.**—Don Caesar de Bezan has the boards at the Theatre to-night, when an overflowing house may be expected, after the intermission of a night. The management last week gave a thousand dollar benefit to the distressed soldiers released from rebel prisons, and have given way a second night for the meeting of citizens, thus making heavy contributions to two patriotic objects. The soldiers and the public, therefore, should patronize them in return, liberally, and thus manifest their appreciation of their generosity.

**ARRIVAL OF REFUGEES.**—The steamer *Red Bird* and *James Christopher* arrived here yesterday, loaded with refugees from South Carolina, the advance of the throng which followed General Sherman to Fayetteville. They are a miserable, wretched appearing set of beings, having been compelled to abandon everything in their flight to freedom. Their appearance calls loudly for sympathy. They are at present in charge of the Quartermaster. The *Red Bird*, is an old stern wheel steamer, captured by Sherman's forces at Fayetteville.

**TRAINS.**—We are indebted to Captain Smith, of the U. S. steamer *Assis*, from Beaufort yesterday morning, for later Northern papers. The *Rosie* returned to Beaufort last evening. She is now running as a regular mail packet between Wilmington and that port.

**NORTHERN PAPERS.**—Tully, at Cutter & Francis's establishment, has all the latest New York and Baltimore dailies—Harper's, Frank Leslie's and other periodicals, and a general assortment of Sunday weeklies.

**FOUND DEAD.**—The body of an unknown man was found in the river opposite the city yesterday. His appearance indicated that he had been in the water about a week. He was probably one of the paroled prisoners.

**DEATHS IN HOSPITAL.**—List of deaths in hospitals at Wilmington, N. C., for the week ending March 14:

March 6.—Privates Daniel Hart, Co. F, 120th Ill.; Jos. B. Platt, Co. A, 23d N. Y.; Isaac Goldwin, Co. M, 10th N. Y.; Wm. Shy, Co. D, 10th N. Y.; Jas. Harris, Co. C, 3d Pa.; Jas. Berries, Co. E, 100th Pa.; Geo. L. Best, Co. A, 10th Pa.; H. C. Porter, Co. C, 15th Calif.; Jos. Gilmore, Co. K, 17th Ohio; A. B. Bennett, Co. G, 5th Pa.; Geo. W. Stanton, Co. L, 11th Calif.; Philip Bowman, Co. F, 15th N. Y.; Henry Hly, Co. A, 3d Pa.; Jos. Gilmore, Co. D, 12th West Va.; Lewis Gates, Co. G, 19th U. S. C. T.; Corporals Henry Parks, Co. B, 7th Ky.; Greenbury Howard, Co. I, 5th Md.; Private A. King, Co. D, 18th Ohio.

March 7.—Privates Benj. Gardner, Co. D, 50th N. Y.; Allen Wood, Co. G, 7th Me.; Unknown Soldier; John Hawkins, Co. I, 5th Ohio; Geo. Rhodes, Co. —, 24th N. Y.; Francis Bagley, Co. G, 2nd Pa.; H. A. Henry & Walter, Co. —, 8d Pa.; Chas. Barclay, Co. B, 10th U. S. C. T.; John Fallow, Co. B, 102 N. Y.; Geo. Elliott, Co. A, 12th Ind.

March 8.—Geo. B. McLary, Co. G, 11th Iowa cav.; O'Brien, Co. —, 1st Iowa; Co. G, 25th Ind. Inf.; Geo. Rhodes, Co. G, 24th Ky. cav.; Chas. Nash, Co. F, 10th Ky. cav.; H. D. Lamb, Co. G, 14th Ill.; three Unknown Soldiers; — Nicholas, Sergt. —, 11th Pa.; Unknown Soldier; Private Jno. B. Adams, Co. B, 16th N. Y.; John Elliott, Co. H, 12th Wis.; Fred Engel, Co. G, 16th N. Y.; Sergt. Andrew Mills, Co. A, 11th Pa. cav.; Private Thos. Bowman, 3rd Iowa cav.; four Unknown Soldiers.

March 9.—Private Charles Reed, Co. G, 4th N. Y. Corp. L. Hughes, Co. I, 123d Ill.; Privates Thos. Roman, Co. K, 9th Iowa cav.; Francis Rastin, Co. F, 2nd Ill. L. A. three Unknown Soldiers; T. Baker, Co. F, 6th U. S. C. T.; Pat. Sims, Co. B, 17th U. S. C. T.; two Unknown Soldiers; Sergt. A. W. Scrivner, Co. E, 4th Ky.; Privates Jacob Morse, Co. L, 12th West Va.; H. W. Seabury; G. W. Bordenista, Co. L, 8th Iowa cav.; Elisha C. Rensbrough, Co. H, 11th Ohio; Hugh Chisholm, Co. D, 16th Pa. cav.; Francis Rice, Co. F, 2nd Ill. cav.; corp Edgar Trask, Co. C, 8th N. Y. A.; Private Horace Learson, Co. H, 8th Iowa; Milton Roth, Co. E, 17th Ohio.

March 10.—Privates John Baptist, Co. G, 47th N. Y.; W. H. Reed, Co. M, 3d Ky. cav.; corp J. C. Strawbur, Co. B, 75th Ohio; Privates Jos. Allen, 18th Pa. cav.; Frank Pittoch, 18th N. Y. cav.; Augustus Gordon, Co. G, 8th N. Y. A.; Allan Gora, 2d Regt 25th A. C.; Peter Lock, Co. H, 8th Mich. cav.; John R. Arwer, Co. L, 14th Pa. A.; Gilbert McCullian, Co. A, 18th Mass.; W. D. Bond; Co. P, 4th Ky.; Unknown Soldier; Chas. Rosebury, Co. H, 1st Wis. cav.; John E. Deanning, Co. F, 16th Conn.; Samuel D. Dombay, Co. A, 10th Ill.

March 11.—Privates Wm. Parker, 15th Ind. Art.; James Stephens, Co. E, 17th Ohio; O. C. Dunham, 101st Ohio; Isaac Hays, Co. D, 7th Ind.; John Bryan, Co. C, 14th Ill.; Edmund Webster, 9th Pa. cav.; Unknown Soldier; G. W. Erland, Co. H, 45th Pa.; Joseph Bakely, 9th N. Y.; J. P. Pummery, 1st Me. Peter Bla k. 9th Wis.; Unknown Soldier; B. Simmons, Co. H, 57th N. Y.; James Stephens, Co. E,

177th Ohio; Dan'l Meares, Co. K, 30th U. S. C. T.; James Emory, Co. K, 6th U. S. C. T.; C. H. Walker, Co. H, 34th Mass.; Sam'l Bragg, Co. K, 5th Ind. cav.; Henry Hodge, 4th Maine.

March 12.—John Vorhis, Co. F, 10th N. Y.; John Farmer, Co. G, 8th Mich.; Sergt. Jas. H. Cook, Co. D, 5th Tenn.; two Unknown Soldiers; Privates John P. Mills, Co. I, 85th N. Y.; W. H. Nichols, Co. F, 6th Me.; J. D. Williams, Co. I, 6th Me.; Jos. M. Burns, Co. C, 50th Ill.; J. Whitaker, Co. A, 95th Ohio; Sergt. Jos. Green, Co. H, 105th Pa.; Privates Geo. W. Rubin, Co. E, 114th Ill.; Unknown Soldier; Wm. Snyder, Co. H, 14th Conn.; Malson P. Alexander, Co. B, 1st Md. L. A.; John H. Gook, Co. I, 101st Ohio; James Bower, Co. B, 43d Ohio; corp Wm. W. Davis, Co. F, 4th Tenn. cav.; Privates John P. Wells, Co. I, 35th N. Y.; Stephen Carter, Co. H, 39th U. S. C. T.; John Bigler, Co. K, 203rd Pa.; Sergt. S. E. Soper, Co. B, 54th Ohio.

March 13.—Wm. Craig, Co. E, 126th Ohio; J. J. Carruth, Co. I, 5th Ind. cav.; corp M. C. Masher, Co. A, 6th Mich. cav.; G. H. Burton, Co. E, 5th Mich. cav.; Chas. Meredith, Co. H, 25th Mich.; Lebanus Lettis, Co. G, 121st N. Y.; Wm. S. Robb, Co. C, 7th Ind. cav.; Sanford Foster, Co. G, 14th Conn.; John Bain, Co. E, 121 Ohio; James Seime, Co. A, 7th Tenn. cav.; John Anderson, Co. F, 142nd N. Y.; Unknown Soldier; Edward Parker, 22d Ohio; Wm. H. Clark, Co. G, 23d Ind.; James Brenham, Co. E, 4th U. S.; Henry White, Co. C, 58th Ind.; C. Ray, Co. G, 9th Pa.; Wm. Prince, Co. C, 5th U. S. C. T.; Geo. Wilson, Co. F, 2d Mass.; Smith J. Williams, Co. K, 20th Mich.; Wm. McDonald, Co. F, 52d Pa.; Chas. Blakely, Co. B, 5th Pa. cav.; John H. Dunham, Co. B, 26th Ky.

## GRAND COUNCIL OF CITIZENS.

### THE MEETING OF THE PEOPLE LAST NIGHT.

### THE THEATRE FILLED.

### What was Said and What was Done.

### Patriotic Speeches and Patriotic Resolutions.

### MUSIC, FLAGS, AND ENTHUSIASM.

### UNANIMOUS DECLARATION FOR THE UNION.

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The gathering of citizens at the Theatre to-night in pursuance to the call of the Mayor, was very large, very enthusiastic and highly respectable. No larger or more respectable or more enthusiastic meeting was assembled in this city in many years.

A small detachment of Col. Rundle's regiment was stationed at the door, with strict orders to refuse admission to all officers and privates either of the army or navy. None other than citizens of the town were admitted, except the correspondents and reporters of the press of New York and other places, and possibly a few civilians following the army, whose dress made them unrecognizable. It was purely a gathering of citizens, as free from any foreign element as it was possible for a public gathering to be.

In the throng that filled the body and galleries of the large house, we noticed a majority of the present male inhabitants of the town.

Among the number present were the following well known citizens:

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| G. O. VanAntwerp, | W. Sharpstein,      |
| J. R. Blossom,    | A. D. Taylor,       |
| W. R. Uley,       | B. D. Morrill,      |
| Geo. Myers,       | A. P. Repton,       |
| Geo. Chubbourn,   | B. J. White,        |
| L. A. Hart,       | J. Wilkinson,       |
| T. Evans,         | Mr. Bates,          |
| J. C. Bailey,     | Jas. Dawson,        |
| Doctor Carr,      | T. F. Peck,         |
| H. H. Munson,     | A. N. Nett,         |
| L. N. Dowling,    | Capt. J. E. Lawton, |
| Doctor Melian,    | Richard Bradley,    |
| E. A. Keith,      | Jos. Shackelford,   |
| P. W. Fanning,    | A. Martin,          |
| J. N. Nett,       | W. J. Anderson,     |
| David Aaron,      | Doctor W. J. Love,  |
| Henry M. Coe,     | Doctor E. Willis,   |
| Jas. Graham,      | W. H. Deard,        |
| J. Spelman,       | Wm. Austin,         |
| S. W. Holden,     | Wm. Peden,          |
| W. S. Coleson,    | C. C. Morse,        |
| C. Hunsell,       | Sam'l Baker,        |
| Doctor Schonwald, | M. Q. Waddell,      |
|                   | M. Harding,         |

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| J. N. Strouse,        | Jas. Grant,         |
| B. Kidder,            | A. J. Howell,       |
| John Bishop,          | A. J. Mory,         |
| P. Shennil,           | Doctor W. J. Price, |
| H. Hartz,             | Col. Jno. McKee,    |
| Capt. R. J. McCumber, | A. Martin,          |
| Capt. Vang ann,       | G. W. Williams,     |
| D. P. Foster,         | John Bremer,        |
| J. A. King,           | Wm. Patton,         |
| J. M. Hardwick,       | Doctor Anderson,    |
| John Savage,          | R. J. Price,        |
| W. M. Lewis,          | John Griffith,      |
| S. M. West,           | M. Carr,            |
| C. J. Coney,          | L. Madison,         |
| Daniel Fergus,        | J. D. Wallace,      |
| W. A. Williams,       | John Wright,        |
| Jas. C. Hall,         | J. W. Corbett,      |
| Wm. Davis,            | J. Petteway,        |
| L. Meginniv,          | Wm. Petteway,       |
| D. A. Smith,          | C. Tinsken,         |
| Nathiel Jacobi,       | C. Polvogt,         |
| J. VanSickle,         | Wm. Porter,         |
| J. C. Wood,           | R. Girkin,          |
| Doctor Holden,        | Owen Hanchey,       |
| J. G. Bauman,         | H. Loebe,           |
| F. M. Augustini,      | Jas. Milvin,        |
| M. Augustini,         | A. V. W. Hewlett,   |
| M. Hanning,           | J. D. Anderson,     |
| Jas. Mitchell,        | John Davis,         |
| J. H. Parsons,        | H. M. Jenkins,      |
| T. O. Whitaker,       | A. Adrian,          |
| T. J. Johnson,        | J. Meier,           |
| J. P. Sharpstein,     | W. H. Woodhull.     |

In the dress circle were seated a large number of ladies, who seemed to be eagerly interested in the proceedings.

### FLAGS AND MUSIC.

The stage was handsomely draped with American flags, placed there in anticipation of the meeting by some loyal citizens, who apparently entertained no doubt of what the sentiment of the meeting would be.

The bands of the 1st and 2d brigades of Ames' division, General Terry's corps, were in attendance throughout the evening. During the assembling of the meeting the 2d brigade band discoursed some eloquent music outside; introducing their programme with

"We'll rally to the flag."

At the appointed hour for the commencement of the meeting the band of the 1st brigade struck up the "Star Spangled Banner," during the performance of which the curtain was run up, displaying the American colors in the rear of the stage, which were greeted with tremendous applause. At the conclusion of the music Mayor John Dawson stepped upon the stage and called the meeting to order with the following brief remarks:

### THE MAYOR'S SPEECH.

FELLOW CITIZENS.—In conformity with the expressed wishes of many citizens, I have established the call for a town meeting which has appeared in *The Herald of the Union*. That meeting has now occurred, and it has been suggested to me that it is proper I should preside, having the honor of filling the office of Mayor. Accordingly I have called the meeting to order. If, however, another person should be preferred as chairman I hope it will be announced, so that I may withdraw, as it is desirable perfect harmony should exist in this organization. [Cheers for the Mayor, and cries "Go on."]

As there seems to be no objection I will preside. [Cheers.]

The object of the meeting is to counsel together as to the course to be pursued that will best subserve the interests of this city and State, produce peace and promote the welfare of the national government. The arms of the United States have been victorious and now occupy this city—the national flag again waves over us and in triumph. [Cheers] and we hope to enjoy the rights and privileges of citizens—[Applause.] In years gone by all over this vast land, from ocean to ocean, and from the great lakes to the gulf, every citizen felt proud to boast that he was an American, and whenever he looked upon that flag of his country he was ready to exclaim—

"Long may it wave  
O'er the land of the free and home of the brave."

My friends let us to-night forget and forgive all past political differences, and live for the future, resolving that from henceforth it shall be our aim and object to secure peace, promote prosperity and add to the glory and grandeur of our common country. [Prolonged applause.]

At the performance of another piece of music, consisting of a melody of national airs, a person in the assembly moved that the Chair appoint two Secretaries, which carried, the Chair appointed,

- FOR SECRETARIES.  
Mr. THOMAS EVANS.  
Mr. WILLIAM LARKIN,

who came forward and took seats on the stage.

Mr. Edward Kidder moved that a committee of eight or ten, at the option of the chairman, be appointed to draft resolutions. Carried, and the chairman appointed the following

- COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.  
Daniel B. Baker,  
Arthur I. Hill,  
James Cassidy,  
Edward Kidder,  
William R. Uley,  
James Shackelford,  
Jacob Lobb,  
Ass. A. Herrifield,  
Parker Quince,  
M. Melvin.

The committee retired to deliberate, and during their absence the band furnished some further music.

At the conclusion of the music an awkward pause ensued waiting for the return of the committee on resolutions, during which calls were made for various speakers, none of whom appeared. At last the committee appeared and handed in their report, which was read by the Secretary, as follows:

WHEREAS, The city of Wilmington has again been restored to the authority of the United States and the opportunity is given the citizens without regard to past party differences to give public expression to their views and purposes; therefore

Resolved, 1. That we will remain at our homes and cheerfully submit to the authority of the national government, pledging to it a loyal obedience and hearty support.

Resolved, 2. That we believe that by this course we are promoting not only the interests of Wilmington, but also of the State of North Carolina, by doing what is in our power to restore her to the Union in which she enjoyed so great prosperity in the past and in which alone she can look for peace and republican freedom for the future.

Resolved, 3. That assuming in good faith the obligations of citizens of the United States, we do not place ourselves in the attitude of a subjugated people, but claim the rights and privileges guaranteed by the Constitution to American citizens, and assured to persons in our peculiar condition by the Proclamation of the President.

Resolved, 4. That we call upon our fellow citizens of North Carolina to join with us in protesting against the madness of the authorities of the State in urging the prosecution of this fratricidal war for a cause which we believe to be hopeless, whose continuance will only render our ruin more remediless in the end, and which is waged for the sake of a government in which the people have justly lost all confidence.

Resolved, 5. That we urge them to accept the condition in which the fortune of war has placed them, and to submit to the national authority so that our noble State may be speedily restored to Union, where the mass of the people have in their hearts always wished her to be.

Resolved, 6th. That in view of the fact that a large number of our citizens have been reduced to poverty by the war, and for want of occupation are in danger of great suffering, of becoming dependent upon the bounty of the government for support we would respectfully urge the expediency of affording to our community as speedily as possible, such facilities for commerce and industry as may be compatible with military movements, and the general interests of the country.

Resolved, 7. That we take pleasure in bearing testimony to the general courtesy and good order of the national troops, both officers and privates, the promptness and efficiency of the military authorities in protecting the citizens, and especially their liberality to the poor and suffering in our midst.

Resolved, 8. That copies of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, the Governor of North Carolina, and the leading newspapers of the State.

The Secretary's voice was too feeble to fill the house, frequent calls being made to him to read louder, and at the close he was requested to read the first three resolutions, which were read, but without giving satisfaction, when Rev. Mr. Hepburn, was called on to read, which he did in a clear strong voice. The audience manifested their satisfaction by frequent applause, especially hearty on the second, third, fourth, and fifth resolutions.

The question was about to be put on the adoption of the resolutions, when a citizen suggested that they should first be discussed.

The chairman said, "Certainly, they are open to discussion; but I did not suppose there was any objection to them."

A voice—"Perhaps some one will make a speech in advocacy of them."

The chairman—"The meeting is open for anybody to speak. We will be glad to hear from anybody on either side."

Calls were made for Rev. Mr. Hepburn, who thereupon stepped forward and addressed the meeting in advocacy of the resolutions.

### REV. MR. HEPBURN'S REMARKS.

Our time and space forbid that we present a full report of Mr. Hepburn's able speech this night, and as we hope to lay it before our readers in full within a day or two, we shall not mar it, by a broken sketch. Its eloquence and logic appealed to the hearts of the vast audience, and drew forth frequent and enthusiastic applause.

At the conclusion of Mr. Hepburn's remarks calls were made for various persons, but none appearing the chairman suggested that if there was no further discussion, the question would be on the adoption of the resolutions, and wished to know whether the meeting would take them up as a whole, or separately.

Voice—"As a whole."

### ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS.

The Chairman—"If it be your wish that we adopt these resolutions as a whole, please manifest it by saying 'Aye.'"

A unanimous and hearty response came from all parts of the house, followed by cheers and applause.

The contrary being put, elicited no response. The resolutions were thereupon declared unanimously adopted.

### COLONEL MCKEE'S REMARKS.

Col. McKee then rose in the midst of the house and made some remarks, referring to the fact that the first time he addressed a public meeting in this city was some years ago in opposition to secession. He had no unkind feelings towards those who advocated secession then. He believed they were actuated by good motives, and thought they were doing right.—We cannot be indifferent, he said, to the fact that during the prolonged struggle which has followed secession, some of our dearest and best friends have fallen. Still he was in favor of the action proposed here to-night, and any action that would lead to a respite to the war. The resolutions were mild and kind, and called no blood. He forgave them with all his heart, but would like to suggest one amendment. In the fourth resolution in speaking of the continuance of the war by our State, he would insert the word "furtive," so as to read in opposition to the "furtive prosecution of the war." The motion was not seconded, and therefore was not adopted. The meeting then adjourned.