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ADVERTISING RATES. The following rates will be charged for all advertisements inserted in the DAILY and WEEKLY CONSERVATIVE: ONE SQUARE OF EIGHT LINES, OR LESS...

The Chicago Convention.

All eyes are now turned to Chicago. The people of the South look with little less interest to the result of the Democratic Convention at the Prairie City, than the people of all Yankeedom.

The people are earnestly desirous of peace. They do not wish to prosecute the war one day longer than is necessary to bring about a just, honorable, and lasting peace.

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A telegram informs us that General George B. McClellan has been nominated by the Chicago Convention for President, and that Fernando Wood has been nominated for Vice President.

It is also reported that the following is the substance of the Platform that has probably been adopted for the candidates to stand upon:

- I. The inviolability of the Constitution. II. The maintenance of the Union in all its territorial integrity. III. Peace at the earliest practicable moment; this peace to be sought by offers:

McClellan and Wood are both regarded as war Democrats, and if they stand upon the above platform, we do not hesitate to say that we would prefer the re-election of Lincoln.

Resignations.

- The resignations of the following named officers have been accepted by the President, to take effect August 30, 1864: Lieut. Col. A. D. Crudup, 47th Regt. N. C. Troops...

The county of Clay gave Vance 167 votes and Holden 95. For Senate, Henry 133, Bryson 107. Commons, Hays 64, Brittain 4, Herbert 186.

North Carolina Soldiers.

From the commencement of this struggle up to the present time, North Carolina has borne a conspicuous part. Her soldiers have always held the post of honor—in the front of the battle; and we think we can say with truth, that more blood has been shed by the sons of North Carolina, in this contest for liberty and independence, than those of any other State.

The following is from the Petersburg Express: "It is due to our noble sister State—North Carolina—to say that the entire infantry column engaged in the assault on the left of the railroad, was composed of her sons."

Brigadier General J. G. Martin has taken command of the District of Western North Carolina, composed of that part of the State West of the counties of Rockingham, Guilford, Randolph, Montgomery, and Richmond.

It is believed that a large number of soldiers are now absent from their commands without leave, from a mistaken idea of the position North Carolina holds towards the Government of the Confederate States.

It is a noticeable fact that the assaulting column which carried the entire line of the enemy's entrenchments at the late fight at Reams' Station, capturing 25,000 prisoners, many stands of colors, and quite a number of guns, was composed of North Carolina troops.

We are pleased to learn that Col. Spear, of the 28th Regiment N. C. Troops, was mortally wounded at Reams' Station on the Weldon Railroad.

Tribute to North Carolina—Letter From Gen. Lee.

We have been permitted to make the following extract from a letter of Gen. Lee to Gov. Vance, complimenting the North Carolina Troops for their glorious victory achieved at Ream's Station.

HEADQUARTERS ARMY OF NORTHERN VIRGINIA, 29th August, 1864. His Excellency, Z. B. VANCE, Governor of North Carolina, Raleigh: I have been frequently called upon to mention the services of North Carolina soldiers in this army...

General Forrest.

A special dispatch to the Mobile Advertiser, of the 29th ult., states that General Forrest and his command had reached Panola, Miss., with safety.

Serepta Church, in Franklin Co.

Rev. Dr. Deems will preach in behalf of the noble fund for Soldiers' Orphans, at the Serepta Church, in Rev. Mr. Riouard's circuit, next Sunday, 4th of September.

TWENTY-SIXTH N. C. REGIMENT.

List of killed and wounded in 26th N. C. Regiment, McRae's Brigade, in action below Reams', Aug. 25th, 1864:

- Field and Staff—Col. Joe R. Lane, severely in left breast by shell; Sergeant Major M. J. McGreen, severely in face. Company A—Killed: Corp. Saml. Wayman, Private J. W. Ketchum, Wounded: H. Y. Walker, left thigh amputated, mortal; M. O. Plummer, in right lung mortal; J. C. Collins, left leg amputated; Z. P. Osborn, right lung severe.

IMPORTANT "TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN."

The following correspondence is important. It settles the question of the liability of exempted and detailed men. It will be seen that "exempted" men are liable to do military duty under the call of the Governor, and that the detailed men are liable for service when called on by the Confederate commander or the reserves in a State:

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT OF ALABAMA, Montgomery, Aug. 5, 1864. To Hon. James A. Seddon, Secretary of War, Richmond, Va.:

Do you regard the bonded agriculturalists and other exempted men subject to militia duty? If they are not subject to militia duty, they should be called out as reserves.

Mobile is attacked, and General Maury has called for all the troops I can send him. I hold these men as subject to militia duty, and have issued my orders accordingly.

T. H. WATTS, Governor of Alabama.

RICHMOND, August 6, 1864.

Gov. T. H. Watts: The exempted men are all liable to militia duty. Detailed men are liable to be called in an exigency by the commander of the reserves in your State.

AN ATTEMPTED INSURRECTION.

The plan of an extensive insurrection, headed by a white man named Vickery, assisted by two others, believed to be emissaries of Yankees, was recently discovered in Brooks county, Ga., and several of the parties implicated in the diabolical proceeding have been arrested and had summary punishment meted out to them.

After all was in readiness Vickery asked for time to say a few words. The time allowed him was occupied in abuse and in proclaiming his innocence to the last. The negroes had nothing to say, except that the cap should be drawn over his eyes and that the execution should go ahead.

LATEST FROM THE NORTH—THE CHICAGO CONVENTION.

The Richmond Whig of the 1st, has received the Baltimore American of the 30th, from which it extracts the following:

Chicago, August 29.—The New York delegation held their first meeting this morning, and after a brief consultation, the vote was taken as to who should be the choice of the delegation for the Presidency, with the following result: McClellan 53; scattering 13. The vote in the Ohio delegation, yesterday, stood: For McClellan 16; against 26. The vote of Missouri is as follows: For McClellan 15; scattering 9.

Vallandigham is understood to have pledged himself to the candidate of the convention, whoever he may be, and this is reported to be the position of Fernando Wood.

The convention was called to order at noon by Mr. Belmont, who named Mr. Bigler, of Pennsylvania, temporary chairman.

His speech was eminently patriotic. He said: "We are here not as War Democrats or Peace Democrats, but as citizens of this great republic, which we will strive and labor to the last to bring back to its former greatness and prosperity."

Mr. Vallandigham addressed a large audience in front of the Court House this evening. He expressed great satisfaction in the change of the public sentiment, and confidence that peace and reconciliation would restore the Union.

Chicago, Aug. 28.—The delegates have nearly all arrived. Who will be the nominee for President is still in doubt. The most prominent names are Governor Seymour, McClellan, Pendleton of Ohio, and Senator Allen of the same State.

Neither Vallandigham nor Thos. H. Seymour is a candidate for any position, nor will they allow their names to be used.

The resolutions will be strongly impregnated with peace sentiments, and in favor of terminating the war.

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The Vice Presidency is hardly thought of. All interest centres in the nomination for Chief Magistrate and the platform.

The New York delegation held a caucus last evening, and had an informal meeting this evening. They will vote as usual for McClellan, and favor an armistice and convention.

A large concourse of friends from every State in the Union called on Vallandigham this evening. The Convention meets to-morrow noon.

The Chicago Post (McClellan Dem.) gives the following points of the platform that will be adopted by the Convention:

- I. The inviolability of the Constitution. II. The maintenance of the Union in all its territorial integrity.

III. Peace at the earliest practicable moment; this peace to be sought by offers:

- 1. To treat for a return to their allegiance by those now in rebellion. 2. A Convention of the States to consider the grievances and complaints of any or all the States, and to settle all disputed questions, either by amendments to the Constitution or otherwise.

IV. A rejection of these offers to be followed by a vigorous execution of the policy enunciated in the Crittenden resolution, passed by Congress in July, 1861.

Incident of the War. In the fight of the 19th two brothers in Co. I, 41st Va. Regiment, fell and expired in seven feet of each other, and almost at the same moment.

They had been in the army for more than two years and participated in the fight's ground-Richmond in 1862, in the first Maryland campaign and the second, and in all the fights of the present campaign from the Wilderness to Petersburg.

They were from Southampton county, and were exemplary members of the Christian Church. Bereaved parents, brothers and sisters weep at their fall.

We regret to hear that Lt. B. F. Simmons, of the 5th N. C. Cavalry, was severely wounded in the charge at Reams' Station on last Thursday; but he is doing well at the house of his brother, Prof. Simmons, at Wake Forest.