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THE LEGISLATURE AND THE CONVENTION.

We take the following article from the Charlotte Whig:

THE LEGISLATURE AND CONVENTION.—The Legislature of North Carolina is now engaged in a disagreeable proceeding. The bill which lately passed the house of Commons to amend the Constitution of the people, was conceived and brought forth in a spirit of faction, which richly deserves, as it will surely receive, the unequalled condemnation of an overwhelming majority of the honest and patriotic citizens of this State. We are not satisfied that the House, shall kill it before it reaches the people. What right has a Legislature, elected twelve months ago, to annul a sovereign convention elected only four months since, and that too under a combination of circumstances which did not exist when the Legislature was chosen? The only legitimate province of a Legislature is to legislate within the sphere and in conformity to the spirit of the constitution, which is prescribed, ordained, and established by a Convention. The Constitution declares "that all political power is vested in and derived from the people only; and that the people of this State ought to have the sole and exclusive right of regulating the internal government and police thereof." How then can a Legislature, whose authority the election of the Convention virtually repealed, arrogate to itself the power to sit in judgment upon the life and death of the sovereign Convention making power of the State? The most sensible thing that the Legislature could now do would be to resign their seats, and leave the Convention unimpeded to supply what legislation the matter in a warlike and patriotic spirit, which we do not see how the members of the Legislature personally, many of whom are entirely worthy of the people's confidence. But we do think the bill in question is unequalled for ill-timed and unbecoming interference with the will of the people. It is calculated to increase largely our present political troubles. We hope therefore that the good sense of the Senate will intervene to save our people from such mischievous results.

With the exception of the State Journal, edited by Mr. Spelman, and the Winston Sentinel, edited by Mr. Alsop, the Clerk of the Senate, not a paper in the State approves of the bill that has passed the Commons.

WHAT IS TO BE DONE WITH THE ENEMY AT HATTERAS.

On this subject the Newbern Progress makes the following sensible remarks:

We understand that it is the opinion of Captain Brown that it will be impossible, at present, to dispossess them of the ground, and we heartily concur with him in opinion; but that they can be kept there in a way that will be a benefit to the State, is a different matter. It is our duty to make every effort to make any decisive inland demonstration, which is made, as it is, if the amount of expense is manifested that North Carolinians are capable of, when fully aroused. The only possible way to accomplish this desirable object, now, is by bridging our inland waters, which, of course, must be done at an enormous expense, but it must be done. For if it should cost \$50,000,000, and every cent of it had to be paid by the population of the State, it would be immensely cheaper than to permit the polluted hoofs of the invaders to trample over our country to pillage, burn, and devastate our houses and farms and steal our lives.

DEFECTIVE TENTS.

We hear great complaint concerning the character of the Tents furnished to portions of our troops. The encampment at Kittrell's Springs is said to be especially cursed in this particular. The cloth of the Tents, we hear, is of a miserable sleazy quality, and as there are no flies to them they furnish little or no protection against rain. We hope that those having this matter in charge will institute a reform. Camps are at best subject enough to disease, without any temptation being offered for its appearance. In the case of measles, to which the troops have been in great numbers subjected, protection against rain is indispensable to a cure.

EXCITEMENT IN NORFOLK.

We learn from a gentleman just from Norfolk that there is a great deal of excitement in that city, caused by the capture of Hatteras by the Yankees. It is apprehended in Norfolk that an expedition will be sent against that city and the Navy Yard from Hatteras. We do not think the apprehension well founded, as the Yankees know full well that the water would be drawn from the Canals, and that if they approached Norfolk or Gosport they would have to do it afloat, and that it would be impossible for them to transport artillery through that swampy country.

NORTH CAROLINA TROOPS.

The 26th Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers was organized in Raleigh last week by electing Hon. Z. B. Vance, Colonel; H. K. Burghyn, Jr., Lieutenant Colonel; and A. B. Carmichael, Major.—State Journal.

MEETING OF BANK DIRECTORS.

At a meeting of the Directors of the Banks of the City of Richmond, held at the Bank of Virginia, on the 21st September, it was unanimously resolved, That the Banks of this city will receive and pay out at their counters the Notes of the following Banks, and none others, till further determined:

Among the other Banks included in the list are the following:

NORTH CAROLINA.
Bank of Cape Fear and Branches.
Bank of North Carolina and Branches.
Bank of Wilmington.
Commercial Bank of Wilmington.

THE FIGHT AT CROSS LANES.

We learn from the Richmond Whig that on Tuesday evening a detachment of one hundred prisoners, including a Captain, Lieutenant, and one negro, taken at the battle of Cross Lanes, arrived in that city. Eighty or a hundred more are on the way. The Whig learned from one of the guard, who was also in the fight, that the battle occurred Monday morning, the 26th, beginning between 5 and 6 o'clock. The scene of the combat was about two and a half miles beyond Gauley, three miles West of the point at which Meadow river empties into Gauley. The force on our side numbered about fifteen hundred, under the immediate command of General Floyd, and was composed of troops from South western Virginia, with the exception of a company from Amherst, under Captain Speed, and a detachment of artillery (three guns) belonging to Captain Hart's (late Kirby's) company from Richmond. The enemy's force was one thousand, the 7th Ohio Regiment, under Colonel Tyler. The fight lasted but little over half an hour, the enemy breaking and running like sheep.—Colonel Tyler setting the example. The loss on our side was five killed and twenty-three wounded, nearly all from Taswell county. Of the enemy, thirty-three were found dead on the field and in the woods. It was believed that many more of the dispersed and panic stricken fugitives would be taken by our scouts. A considerable amount of arms, commissary stores, &c., were secured. This inaugurates Gen. Floyd's military career very handsomely, and is the precursor of very important events on the Kanawha.—Praise be to the Giver of Victory!

The Examiner in commenting on this brilliant victory, says:

The victory of General Floyd is in some respects the most brilliant and cheering of the war. The force under his command rendered a great battle impossible; but it is a perfect affair of its kind, and bears the stamp of our military genius in Western Virginia. Up to this moment we have heard nothing but evil from the other side of Blue Mountains; but there is reason to hope, and even to believe, that the first news from Floyd's command are the first notes in a long strain of triumph from the West. For once the Northern press gave us statements more reliable than the early rumours from our own side. They admitted, on the moment, a loss of two hundred and a thousand retreat, and their accounts were correct. One hundred prisoners from that combat at Cross Lanes reached Richmond on yesterday.—Sixty others are on the way. Seventy corpses were counted on the field, and our military engineers are at a dispiriting rout, in which they outran everything, their arms and baggage included.

GENERAL GWYNN.

We find the following letter in defence of this accomplished officer and skillful engineer in the Richmond Examiner of Wednesday:

Richmond, Sept. 3, 1861.

It is natural that inquiry should be made to find who is to blame for the disaster at Hatteras Inlet. I have no disposition to lay the blame where the facts will make the judgment, but I have a desire to repel the censure from points which it cannot justly touch.

INVASION BY MEXICO.

We are not in the slightest degree apprehensive of the invasion of Texas by Mexico. The domestic troubles of Mexico give her employment enough at home. Torn by conflicts between rival partisan chiefs and military leaders, she has not a man or a dollar to throw away upon an invasion of her neighbors. So this precious scheme of Tom Corwin to distract the military movement of the Confederate States will prove utterly abortive.

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LEGISLATURE.

The following Acts and Resolutions have been passed by this body.

An Act to authorize the Governor to pay the officers and privates of the First Regiment of North Carolina Volunteers.

Resolution concerning the Militia Law. Instructs the Committee on the Militia to procure the aid of Adjutant General Martin in the revision and construction of the Militia Law.

Resolution instructing the Quartermaster General to furnish Hospital Tents to the armies.

Resolution authorizing the tender of forces from this State to the Confederate States.

An Act to authorize the increase of five companies commanded by Col. S. Spruill to ten companies.

Resolution to provide Surgeons and Hospital Stores for North Carolina.

An Act to encourage the manufacture of Gun Powder.

An Act to divide the State in Ten Congressional Districts.

An Act to amend the county lines of Mitchell County.

An Act to provide hands to work the public roads.

An Act to enlarge the powers of the County Courts for raising revenue for County purposes.

THE RICHMOND WHIG IS MISTAKEN AS TO THE DISTANCE OF HATTERAS FROM BEAUFORT OR FORT MAON.

So far from being in sight, Hatteras is all of eight miles distant from these points.

FOR THE REGISTER.

SHAMEFUL NEGLECT—WHO IS TO BLAME?

Mr. Editor.—We have a right, for the sake of our friends, to make public and special inquiry into the neglect which has followed some of our troops into Virginia. The condition of the noble 6th Regiment, State Troops, which fought at Manassas and has suffered much since, is matter of the deepest solicitude to those of its friends who know the facts. A gentleman direct from Manassas states that some of those noble fellows were herefooted—not a shoe to wear. Their uniforms are either worn out or wearing out, and there seems to be no source to which they can all look with any chance to be supplied. The winter is pressing upon them, and in a little while they will be shivering with nakedness, unless their wants are speedily remedied. Whose business is it to attend to these matters? The plain truth is, the abominable thriftlessness and inefficiency of some who hold responsible and important offices are doing the cause of the South more injury than the Yankees themselves. By their wretched and unmerciful conduct they are getting up such feelings as are calculated to keep men of reflection from exposing themselves to such imposition. It will keep men from volunteering. It will dishearten and kill those who have volunteered. It will engender a disaffection that it will be difficult to prevent from interfering with our prospects for success. These "big men" with their fat offices, will be justly charged with the misery and death of many a soldier who suffers and bleeds, while they fatten on his sorrows, boast of his bravery and treat with contempt every application for redress for his wrongs. Such men are as mean as Yankees, and in proportion to number do more harm.

FOR THE REGISTER.

THE EARTHQUAKE.

WILKESBORO', N. C., September 24, 1861.

MESSES, EDITORS.—A very heavy shock of an earthquake was felt here on Saturday morning last, at a few minutes past 5 o'clock, lasting several seconds. Bricks were shaken from the tops of Chimneys; doors jarred open; clocks stopped, and many heard a rumbling noise coming from the South and going Northward. Several persons felt a similar, though much lighter shock in the early part of the night before. My own doors and one other were jarred open at that time.—What's in the wind?

RETALIATORY LAW OF THE CONFEDERATE STATES OF AMERICA.

The Examiner, gives the following abstract of a very important bill passed by Congress shortly before the adjournment, for the sequestration of all Yankee property found in the South:

A BILL to be entitled an Act for the sequestration of the estate, property and effects of alien enemies and for the indemnity of citizens of the Confederate States, and persons aiding the same, in the existing war with the United States.

FOR THE REGISTER.

GENERAL MILITARY HOSPITAL.

The object in establishing a General Hospital in Richmond, or some suitable place in Virginia, is to relieve the wants and sufferings of the sick and wounded soldiers of the North Carolina troops in Virginia, which may be found not sufficiently provided for under the rules of the War Department of the Confederate States.

FOR THE REGISTER.

A HERO IN THE BATTLE OF CROSS LANES.

A young soldier, writing from Floyd's command, says that they are strongly posted on the Gauley. His letter is dated the 26th ult., the day of the battle of Cross Lanes. He thus speaks of one of the participants in that battle:

EXECUTORS NOTICE.

We, the undersigned, having qualified at August term of the County Court of Wake, as executors of W. Crenshaw deceased, request all persons indebted to said estate to make immediate payment. All persons having claims against said estate will present them duly authenticated within the time prescribed by law, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery.

FAIR NOTICE—THE SUBSCRIBER

of this day sold his entire Clothing Establishment, finds himself under the necessity of calling upon all those indebted to him, either by note or account to come forward and settle up without delay, as further indulgence cannot be given. Those having claims against me will please present them at once for adjustment.

A FINE LOT OF SPONGE.

Sold by Baker, Bitters, Black Tea, English Mustard, A large stock of Fancy Soaps, &c. Received at P. FESCUDES, Drug Store.

ATTENTION OFFICERS!

Attention Cavalry. Just received a large lot of COLETS DRAGON PISTOLS and Sabres. W. H. & E. S. TUCKER'S. For the remainder of the year, a SMALL NEGRO GIRL, to act as Nurse. Apply at this Office.

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