

RALEIGH, N. C.

THE CONVENTION.

Every man who intelligibly observes the condition of North Carolina at this time, must rejoice that the effort made in the Legislature last summer to abolish the Convention proved abortive. Who can tell what would have been the condition of the State had there been no such body as the Convention now in existence?

ARMY CONTRACTORS AND THEIR TRICKS.

In all wars there have been complaints of the tricks of contractors for the armies, by which their nests were feathered at the public expense. With regard to the Government, a morality prevails which would not be tolerated in transactions between individuals.

MAKING A CLEAN BREAST OF IT.

A correspondent of the Cincinnati Commercial, writing from Harrodsburg, Ky., acknowledges fully the system of lying resorted to by the Yankees, and calls for a reform, or Providence will never be for them.

SALT.

Owing to the praiseworthy exertions of Major Russ, we have reason to believe that Salt will be brought here from the mines in Virginia, and sold at comparatively reasonable prices, say \$4 or \$5 per sack.

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CRACKER BAKERY.

We are indebted to our old friend Mr. Simpson for a specimen of his Pilot Bread, made at his new Bakery in this city.

PRESIDENTIAL ELECTORS—THE RESULT.

Governor Clark has issued his proclamation announcing the election of the following gentlemen as Presidential Electors for this State: Lott W. Humphrey, John Pool, Alfred G. Foster.

PARTICULARS OF THE ARREST OF COMMISSIONERS MASON AND SLEIDELL—RESISTANCE OFFERED.

The New York Herald, of the 18th inst., has the following in relation to the arrest of our Commissioners on the Royal Mail steamship Trent:

THE STOPPAGE OF THE TRENT.

The Captain of the San Jacinto, on his own responsibility, pursued the Trent and stopped her in the Bahama Channel. It appears that the vessel was brought to in the usual manner, by the firing of a ball across her bow, as a signal to stop.

A demand was then made for the surrender of the two principal rebels, and their secretaries, but their families and friends were allowed to proceed on their way in peace.

FROM THE CHARLESTON MERCURY.

ARRIVAL OF THE STEAMER FINGAL FROM EUROPE. On Wednesday last, we received from Savannah telegraphic advices of the arrival at that port of the new iron screw steamer Fingal, from Europe.

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OUR FORCES IN WESTERN VIRGINIA.

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THE MASON-SLEIDELL CASE.

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ARTICLES CONTRIBUTED TO THE SOLDIERS.

LEWISBORO, WILKES COUNTY. Mrs. Jesse Vandy, one blanket and one pair of socks; Miss Fanny McNeil one pair of socks; Mrs. George McGlavery, one blanket; Mrs. Jesse McGlavery, one blanket and one pair of socks; Mrs. Marlin McGlavery, one pair of socks and 4 lbs of butter; Mrs. Richard Pilkinton, one pair of socks; Mrs. John Yates, one blanket; Widow Elizabeth Yates, one blanket and one pair of socks; Mrs. John Church, one blanket; Mrs. James Eller, one blanket, one bed tick, one pillow and two pair of socks; Mrs. David Eller, two pair of socks and two bushel apples; Mrs. G. P. McNeil, two pair of socks and one bushel potatoes; Mrs. A. A. Whittington one blanket and one pair of socks; Mrs. Thos. Carlton one blanket and one pair of socks; Mrs. Jesse F. Eller, one pair of socks and 7 lbs butter; Mrs. F. A. Belcher, 3 pair of socks; Col. P. Eller, 1 blanket, 1 bed tick, 1 pillow and case, one pair of woolen jeans pants, one do. vest, 2 flannel shirts, 1 do. domestic, 1 pair boots, one pair shoes, 1 pair socks, 4 bushels green apples, 4 lbs butter, 1 cake soap; Mrs. Robert Yates, one blanket; Mrs. B. F. Eller, one pair of socks; John McNeil, one pair socks, 2 lbs butter; Mrs. J. R. Whittington, 1 pair socks, 2 towels, 4 lbs butter, and 1 domestic shirt; Mrs. Wm. H. McNeil, 1 pair socks, 1 bushel potatoes; Mrs. A. F. McNeil, one bushel potatoes.

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