

The Old North State

SALISBURY, FRIDAY, JULY 15, 1870.

FREE SPEECH.

In the midst of the high political excitement of the times the sacred rights of free speech and a free press must not be lost sight of.

It will be remembered that from the beginning this paper protested that there was no real necessity for calling out any State troops for the purpose of executing the laws—that the real purpose was to influence the election by overawing the people.

Our object in writing this article is quite as much to promote the success of the regular Conservative candidates as to vindicate the cause of free speech and civil liberty.

REGISTRATION.

Mr. Attorney General Olds has published an opinion, constraining the Registration Law. He takes the same view taken by this paper last week—that those whose names are already on the registration books, who have not changed their places of residence, and who there have been no change in the voting districts or precincts, need not register again to enable them to vote at the coming election.

We know that some very able lawyers differ from the Attorney General in his construction of the law, and we shall not undertake to decide between them.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN.

We hear it is stated that in some counties there is a good deal of indifference manifested with regard to the approaching election. This is almost incredible.

HON. F. E. SHOBER.

Mr. Shoher returned from Washington on Thursday morning last and is now engaged in canvassing the district. He will visit first the counties of Mecklenburg, Lincoln, Gaston and Darlington.

THE SIXTH DISTRICT.

The Republicans of this district met in convention at Charlotte, on Tuesday, and nominated Dr. H. M. Pritchard, of that city, as their candidate for Congress, in opposition to Mr. Shoher.

PERSON COUNTY.

We are glad to see that our gallant young friend, Henry T. Jordan, Esq., has been nominated for the House of Representatives by the Conservatives of Person County.

Col. H. C. Jones has been unanimously nominated as the Conservative candidate for the Senate in Mecklenburg by Gov. Vance, declared.

COL. KIRK AND HIS TROOPS.

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These are the simple facts of the transaction which have been detailed to us by several eye witnesses in whom we have every confidence.

The fact that two or more companies of regular troops have been sent to North Carolina proves that Gov. Holden could not have obtained as many as he wanted, or at least as many as he needed for the enforcement of the law.

The report of the general public opinion in the West, where law and order have generally prevailed for more than three years past, are indignant at the course of the Governor, as we have been informed by those who have an opportunity of knowing.

Since the above was written another squad of Kirk's men passed down the road on Tuesday evening, the number of which we did not learn.

A report is current in the Mountain District that Plato Durham, the Conservative candidate for Congress, is banned by the 14th Amendment.

It is to be hoped, however, that the test oath will be repeated or greatly modified at the opening of the next session of Congress.

THE NEEDED RECONSTRUCTION.

Intense political excitement seldom benefits any country. The prevalence of it generally distracts the minds of the people that their real rights of those things that pertain to their happiness and material prosperity.

It is time for the political excitement to cease that our people may be able to turn their attention to other and more important matters.

But as long as the present state of feeling exists in our State, and so long as the tone and character of a portion of the press remains what it now is, the necessary immigration will not come.

And a social reconstruction is wanted with us as well as an agricultural reconstruction. With the abolition of slavery the old foundation of the social system of the South was swept away.

In reply to many inquiries as to the effect of the new regulations concerning the Distillation of brandy, I submit the following statement from which it will be seen that distillers of brandy are relieved from a heavy tax.

Secondly, The amount of the Bond required to be given by the distiller is greatly reduced—it being double the amount of tax on the spirits which can still distill for a period of 30 days.

Thirdly, The regulations as to registration of stills—notice to the Assessor of intention to distill, survey of stills, keeping record of the operation of the distillery, returns to the Assessor, &c., &c., are very much simplified and can easily be complied with.

The special tax under the existing law is \$50 per year (reckoning from the 1st day of May of each year) when the production is less than 150 barrels.

IMPORTANT PROPOSITION.

In the proceedings of the U. S. Senate on the 6th inst., we find the following paragraph in regard to a work in North Carolina:

"Mr. Abbott, from the committee on Pacific Railroads, reported with amendments the bill incorporating the proposed Trans-Continental Railway Company under the name of the Western North Carolina Extension Railway Company."

Inasmuch as it is the policy of the Government to favor the large appropriations for the benefit of Northern and Western interests, we think men of all parties in North Carolina ought to unite in a demand for a fair share of the public money and public lands.

It is not sufficient that the Government should have appropriated for the Cape Fear harbor. It is equally important that it should have appropriated for the Cape Fear harbor.

The following letter from J. W. Smith, the colored cadet at West Point, to his home folks at Harrod, Conn., certainly makes out pretty plain times for that young pioneer:

Your kind and kind letter of the 1st inst. reached me the 10th inst. and I have been so harassed with sanitation and the insults and ill-treatment of these cadets that I could not write you or do anything else scarcely.

It is not the case at the table, and what I am trying to get at is like a dog at all. I don't wish to remain if I can get along at all. I don't wish to remain if I can get along at all.

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TO THE PEOPLE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

When the last Legislature was about to adjourn, the Conservative and Democratic members thereof issued a brief address to the people of the State, so moderate in its tone and so unexceptionable in its character.

Notwithstanding this, to the great surprise of many, the Governor of the State, acting as we believe, under evil counsels and for sinister purposes, has thought proper lately to order the enrolling, equipping and calling into active military service of a large body of armed soldiers.

Quiet and orderly citizens of whatever shade of political opinion, cannot but have witnessed this extraordinary movement with serious concern. What does it mean? Are these troops to be at the civil authority's beck?

It is in every point of view, this grand military movement is unwise. It will entail an enormous expense upon our already overburdened people, and instead of preserving, will seriously endanger the public peace.

Our own political friends, especially in these trying times, will once again counsel peace, quiet, forbearance and obedience to the laws of the State.

THOMAS BRAGG. Ex-Com. M. A. BERRISON. C. M. MERRIMON. R. H. BATTLE, JR. C. M. BESSES. J. H. MOORE. J. Q. DECARRETT. J. J. LICHFORD.

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INSTRUCTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC TREASURER.

STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA, TREASURY DEPARTMENT, Raleigh, July 5, 1870.

To INSURANCE AGENTS.—In consequence of reported applications to this Department for information, the following general instructions are published:

1st. Every insurance company wishing to do business in the State must appoint a general agent, who shall be responsible to this Department for the taxes of his company.

2d. The general agent must procure licenses from the State Treasurer, showing his appointment as such general agent, under the seal of the Treasurer.

3d. The general agent must return to the Sheriff of each county, on the above date, the amount of gross receipts from premiums received in such county.

4th. The general agent may likewise file with the county tax, if the agent does not pay it.

5th. In case the returns required of the general agents cannot be effected at the exact day mentioned in the law, the State Treasurer will not commence action for any penalty until after thirty days, but will insist on the penalties unless the whole matter is closed up and payment made by the 1st day of August, November, February and May.

6th. The commission authorizing him to do business, may be diminished to one-half of one per cent if the company exhibits to the Governor, Auditor and Treasurer a sworn statement of investments in real property, situated in this State or loans secured by mortgage to citizens of the State to an amount equal to one-half the gross receipts.

7th. For failure to make returns and payments required, the Company may pay \$2,000. The general agent is personally liable therefor.

For such failure the agent shall pay \$25 for each per cent of the gross receipts of the company without a commission from his principal as herein indicated above.

CIRCULAR.

A wonderful discovery, J. R. Swigg's Great Rheumatic and Neuralgic Liniment. A remedy unexcelled for these dreadful diseases.

This is no humbug. I know the country is filled with spry, stout men, getting on in years, and that there are thousands of human beings suffering from these dreadful diseases.

It is the only one of its kind in the United States. It will cure you, if your case is not incurable. It will cure you, if your case is incurable.

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SALISBURY MARKETS.

Table of market prices for various goods including Corn, Wheat, Flour, and other commodities.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Advertisement for C. W. TOPPING & CO., PRODUCE COMMISSION MERCHANTS, 342 GREENWICH STREET, N.Y.

PIANOS.

Advertisement for CHAS. H. STEIFF, BALTIMORE, Md.

THE PAIN KILLER.

Advertisement for The Pain Killer, a medicine for various ailments.