

CHARLESTON, Jan. 8. A special Courier from Kingston reports that the enemy are making immense preparations for an advance.

A negro-challenged Col. Week's commander of a New York regiment, to fight a duel. The challenge was sent by a white man who was to act as collyer's second, but Weeks refused and forthwith resigned the service in disgust.

A LEGAL OPINION. CHARLESTON, Jan. 8. In the Confederate Court to-day, Judge Magrath pronounced an elaborate and able opinion, being an amendment of the Sequestration Act, which gives to the next of kin of an alien enemy to sequestrate property of such alien enemy. The question of constitutionality was made under direction from the office of the Attorney General.

FROM THE WEST. RICHMOND, Jan. 8. A copy of the N. York Tribune, just to hand, contains a dispatch from Cairo announcing a Federal success at Vicksburg.

VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE. RICHMOND, Jan. 8. Resolutions were introduced into the Virginia House of Delegates to-day, declaring the determination of the State to guarantee to the Confederate Government payment of her proportion of the public debt, and pledge the faith of the State for the same.

FROM THE UNITED STATES. RICHMOND, Jan. 8. The New York Herald of the 6th inst. has an editorial on the prospect of intervention in American affairs by Napoleon.

FROM TEXAS. MOBILE, January 8. The Evening News has received the following interesting intelligence from New Orleans Delta, dated at Headquarters, 6th inst.

FROM CHATTANOOGA. MOBILE, January 8. The Evening News has a dispatch dated Chattanooga, 7th instant, which says: General Bragg made a speech at Decherd, on Monday, to the citizens of that place and Winchester, warning them to do not mean to desert them, but would make a stand between Atlanta and Tallahassee.

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FROM EUROPE. RICHMOND, January 8. European news is quite interesting and occupies much space. The Herald & Times says: The fast Clyde steamer Vulcan has been sold to the Confederates and was about to start on a cruise.

A YANKEE RAID. RICHMOND, Jan. 8. The York River train brings intelligence of a Yankee raid by from three to four hundred cavalry and gunboats, in the vicinity of the White House, on the Pamunkey, 20 miles from Richmond.

NORTHERN REPORTS. RICHMOND, Jan. 9. Northern papers of the 6th instant have been received. Rosenkrantz, in his official report of the battle at Murfreesboro, says the fight ended on Saturday in the royal defeat of the rebels and their disorderly flight to Tullahoma.

For the Watchman. At the last Term of the Confederate District Court, held for the District of Cape Fear, at the Court in Salisbury, at December Term, 1862, the Grand Jurors made the following presentment, viz:

That the Jurors for the Confederate States, having duly considered the charge of his Honor, Judge Brown, do in accordance with that charge respectfully submit the following conclusions to which they have arrived, upon the subject of extortion and speculation.

That this state of things should have been permitted thus long to exist, is indeed to be lamented. And we do now, as Jurors assembled, and having solemn injunctions given us to redress the public grievances, call upon all well-meaning citizens to reflect upon the consequences of this unwholesome thirst for gain, and let not the force of money cut them the loss of fair fame and honor.

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F. D. RENEHART, Foreman, JAMES F. JAMISON, JOHN S. MEANS, JOHN W. MCNEELY, JOHN S. DAVIS, D. HARRINGER, J. M. LORANCE, J. H. OWEN, P. M. MORRIS, JAMES WISEMAN, JAMES B. ROBESON.

Ordered by the Court, that this presentment of the Grand Jury, be spread upon the Minutes of this Court, and a copy furnished Editors, with a request to publish.

From the Raleigh Standard. Mr. Holden:—The saline powder which you gave me, and which was received from Salisbury or from the vicinity, weighed fifty-four grains. Its tests is decidedly salt. It is stated to have been obtained from 2 gallons of water derived from a lick.

Another question may be proposed, is it not probable that by going deep enough, stronger and better water may be obtained? I think not. All the licks which belong to the formation of rocks similar to those of Rowan, and indeed all the western counties of the State, are due to superficial changes, and the deeper we go the farther we shall be removed from the source of the salt.

In conclusion, I may assure individuals, as well as the public, that the condition for the production of salt does not exist in any of the Counties west of Moore, Chatham and Orange. For the production of salt, or I may say its preservation, it is necessary that the rock formation should have been deposited from the ocean, and that it should have preserved itself somewhat in the form of a basin.

By this Morning's Mail. From the Charlotte Bulletin. FROM TENNESSEE. CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 9. The enemy now holds Murfreesboro runner to the contrary notwithstanding.

FROM RICHMOND. RICHMOND, Jan. 9. The N. Y. Herald says Seymour's speech will tally with his speeches during the campaign and favor the prosecution of the war for the restoration of the Union.

FROM CHATTANOOGA TENN. CHATTANOOGA, January 9.—The Daily Rebel publishes the following dispatch from official sources: WINCHESTER, Tenn., Jan. 9—Gen John H Morgan's report of his late expedition shows two thousand paroled prisoners, several hundred of the enemy killed and wounded, and an immense quantity of arms and property destroyed.

FROM VICKSBURG. RICHMOND, Jan. 10.—Private dispatches from Gen. Pemberton, just received, says: "We still hold Vicksburg and will hold it, as it is growing stronger every day. The enemy appears to be retreating."

TO LAND BUYERS. THE subscriber offers for sale his plantation containing: 270 ACRES. This place is on the new Road to Lincoln 10 miles West of Salisbury and in one of the best neighborhoods in the county, convenient to Mills and Churches.

VALUABLE Property For Sale In Salisbury, in Statesville and in Concord. THE SUBSCRIBER OFFERS FOR sale in the town of Salisbury a valuable unimproved lot adjoining the dwellings of Mrs. Pearson and Burton Craige.

SEWING, SEWING, TO THE LADIES! THE undersigned having taken a contract for making clothes for the soldiers, desire to employ 500 ladies to do the sewing.

SCHOOL BOOKS. WE are prepared, at short notice, to furnish the following SCHOOL BOOKS, from Sterling, Campbell & Albright's publishing House, in Greensboro, N. C., to wit:

Notice to Conscripts. THE Secretary of War has, with the consent of His Excellency, the Governor, authorized the raising of the three new companies which are to be attached to the 68th North Carolina Troops.

Tobacco, Cigars, &c. A Fine lot of Manufactured Tobacco, at wholesale or retail. A good lot of Cigars. A small lot of very fine Cotton in large bales.

Public Sale. I WILL sell at the late residence of Capt. A. A. Miller, on Tuesday, the 20th of January, 1863, the following property: Two head of horses, two young mules, cattle, hogs, sheep, goats, one two horse wagon and gear, one buggy, a quantity of corn and wheat, sheaf of straw, fodder, and straw and one good iron net, one loom, all of his household and kitchen furniture, together with his farming tools, and other articles too tedious to mention.

Blank Deeds FOR SALE AT THIS OFFICE. The Secretary of War has, with the consent of His Excellency, the Governor, authorized the raising of the three new companies which are to be attached to the 68th North Carolina Troops.

FOR THE delivery of private THOMAS J. ATKINSON, of Company D, 24th Regiment, N. C. Troops, at the prison in Brown of the adjoining counties—the said ATKINSON having deserted the Confederate States Army.

Mill Stones for Sale. A PAIR OF NEW MILL STONES, yet at the Quarry, 7 miles South of this place, for sale. They are cut from the best stone in this region of country, the grit having been thoroughly proven in many cases.

FOR SALE. NEGRO WOMEN, BOYS AND GIRLS. Among them several good Cooks and Washerwomen. Persons wishing to hire, will call on me one mile east of Salisbury.

ABSCONDING NEGROES. TWO negroes, MICK and SAM, belonging to the estate of Solomon Hall, dec'd, were hired by the undersigned on the 1st January in Salisbury, but have failed to come up.

NOTICE. WANTED.—The highest cash price will be paid the producer by the undersigned for ONION SETS OR BUTTONS, WHITE BEANS, IRISH POTATOES, (Snow Balls), WHITE and BLACK MUSTARD SEED, HOPS, BEESWAX, SENEGA AND BLACK SNAKE ROOT, FLAX SEED, LARD, BUTTER, BUCKWHEAT AND WHEAT FLOUR, CORN MEAL, and all country produce.

PORK for the GOVERNMENT. THE HIGHEST MARKET PRICE will be paid for Pork for the Government. Apply to J. D. BROWN.

Valuable Property FOR SALE. THE HOUSE and LOT known as the Simonton House, IS OFFERED FOR SALE!

TWO LARGE HALLS, occupied by the Masons and I. O. O. F. Basement is divided into four large dry rooms, used for grocery and shoe shops.

THE HOTEL, is the best arranged in this country, large and fine rooms, well furnished.

Brick Kitchen and Smoke House, large Stable and Horse Lot with water convenient.

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