

FROM THE FOURTH NORTH CAROLINA.

A signal approaching—Cooling breeze—The...
Preparing to comply—Slightly sentimental—Domestic—A catastrophe—A smash-up here.

There is something in the wind; whether or not it proves to be all "wind" and "entirely without foundation," we shall see.—
For the last two days and nights, we have heard occasional firing to the Northeast, the direction of the Rappahannock. Sometimes at the dead hours of midnight, those ominous sounds disturb our slumbers; then then that it makes us feel uneasy. During the day time we pay no attention to them. The weather has been cold, windy, rainy and every other unpleasant imaginable. This to make ourselves comfortable, we were gathered together at eight o'clock, congratulating ourselves on our good fortune and good times generally, when to our utter dismay, a courier stepped to the door of our tent, and said, "Pack up and be ready to march at a moment's notice." Gracious! how our feathers were clipped! Such a crew of blank countenances and chop-fallen faces it is hardly possible to conceive. Our jolly chat was suspended, the smoke ceased to ascend in "dizzy wreaths" from our pipes, and we sat full three minutes staring at each other as if we had been doomed to perpetual night. "That's the dickens again," says J., as he mechanically took his stumpy pipestem between his teeth. "Now that we are comfortably fixed and can laugh at stormy winter, we cannot get to enjoy it." "It is too bad—too bad! But this is war for you, and when shall it be any better?" "There is no necessity for grumbling, boys," I remarked, "and the best we can do is to take it philosophically,—make the best of a bad bargain. It will not always be so, and the day may not be far distant when these hard times will be over, and we can look back with pleasure to the fortitude with which they were borne by us. Cheer up, and let's get to work." And we did "get to work";—cooking rations, packing our knapsacks, (throwing away such articles as we cannot possibly carry, besides being of little service,) burning our letters, &c. Now, "Nat" has one, (a letter of course,) no he cannot commit to the flames yet,—he don't think it's time has come; at any rate, he will risk "one eye" on it for a few days. It is now ten o'clock at night, orders to march are not yet issued, but we are momentarily expecting them.—We need not conjecture about the future, the past is a sealed book, from whose pages we can blot nothing,—the present, then, is all with which we have to do. But, judging from the past, we have reason to look forward with dread forebodings. Not that our army is not brave, or may be defeated in battle, or any thing of the sort; but the suffering, hardships, and the heart-rending scenes incident to battle, all of which we are compelled to witness, these make us quit at the thought of an approaching conflict. I would caution my readers to be prepared for any kind of news; the storm may blow over without a fight, but I do not think it. We can but hope that our cause, under Providence, may be successful in days past. We are getting pretty well prepared for winter. Though we are but poorly supplied with tents, yet, most of the men have constructed shelters of some kind. Most of them are cased dug in the side of the hill on which we are camped, and covered with sticks, leaves, dirt, &c. But these holes are right dangerous things as one of our boys found out to his sorrow. This was the way of it: A few nights ago we were requested to go serenading some distance from the camp. To be sure we went, and a magnificent time we had too. The small hours of midnight were creeping on as we entered camp on our return; but as our quarters were on the opposite side, we had to pass through the entire regiment to get to them. It was intensely dark, and knowing the hill to be full of uncovered caves, (domholes not finished,) we had to be very careful where we set our feet. But with all our caution, my dear friend, John T., made a misstep and tumbled heels over head in a hole about six feet deep. I heard the bump, and turned to render assistance, but being fearful of a similar fate, I "cooned" it up to the verge of the "hole," as they are generally termed, and bawled out, "Hello! who's down there?" "Oh, Nat," says he, "I believe I've broke my leg." "Plague take your leg," I replied, "what about your instrument?" He only gave a doleful groan, and handed the instrument up to me. It was enough,—if it had been mangled a week, it could not have been mangled flatter. Don't think that my friend was top-heavy—not that—but he will run into such places sometimes.

Near Fredericksburg, } NAT.
Jan. 23, 1863. }

For the Watchman.
SALISBURY, Jan. 22th 1863.

Friend Bruner:—I have often wondered how and why it is that some wealthy persons are pulled and heralded to the world as liberal and patriotic for making a subscription of fifty or a hundred dollars to some Way-Side Hospital or Aid Society whilst others, more liberal, are never noticed. In some cases this misleads the public. They take it for granted that certain wealthy individuals are doing nothing to aid our poor soldiers, or relieve their helpless and dependent families, because it is not noticed in our public journals. I am led to make these remarks from the fact, that I have heard a friend speak of on several occasions (who is a noted wealthy man of western N.C.) as having done nothing for our glorious cause. I am happy to have it in my power to say that he has done something, and I do hope that others will be induced to follow his example. In this hour of need and trouble, I am opposed to the light being hidden under the bushel forever. Others seeing your good works may follow in our footsteps.

I allude to Wm. F. McKesson, of Morganton, North Carolina. I speak from my personal knowledge.
To Capt. S. McD. Tate's Co. (now Maj.) 6th Regt. 25 pair No. 1 shoes; Capt. J. T. Avery's Co. (now Col.) 5th Regt. 25 pair No. 1 shoes; and to be distributed to the Regiment 200 pair woolen socks. To the young Ladies Hospital Association of Morganton \$200 in cash and fifty pair Woolen socks; to the 11th (Beth-

st) Regt. for their White Hall light \$350 and 70 pair socks; to Capt. Cloud's Co. 6th Regt. \$50 in cash.

Besides these donations he is selling domestic yarn salt flour and to the poor of Burke County at from 50 to 100 per cent lower than he has been offered for the same articles by speculators.
A SOLDIER.

THE LATEST NEWS.

Naval Engagement.

SPLENDID VICTORY.

TWO FEDERAL GUNBOATS SUNK—ONE DAMAGED.

On board Gunboat Palmetto State, }
January 31st, 1863. }
I went out last night. This vessel struck the Meridia, when she sent a boat aboard and surrendered. The officers and crew were paroled. Capt. Tucker thinks he sunk one vessel and set another on fire, when she struck her flag. The blockading fleet has gone to southwest and eastward out of sight.
(Signed) D. M. INGRAHAM,
Flag Officer Commanding.
Ninety-four prisoners, including three negroes from Yankee gunboat John P. Smith, arrived this morning, taken in an engagement on Stono River. The boat was captured and nearly 200 prisoners.
Wheeler's cavalry have destroyed five other transports on the Cumberland river, and destroyed an engine and train of cars on the Nashville and Chattanooga railroad.
It is reported that Gen. Van Dorn has recaptured Holly Springs with 700 prisoners and a considerable quantity of army stores.
The Mobile Advertiser and Register has a dispatch dated Jackson, 29th inst., which says parties from Memphis state that Gen. Hubert, of Illinois, commanding that point, and Gen. Willard, of Ohio, have resigned in consequence of Lincoln's proclamation.

RODNEY, Miss., Jan. 22.
A courier arrived at St. Joseph, La., at 2 o'clock this evening from Major Harrison's headquarters, 6 miles above Carthage, reports that 200 Yankee cavalry surprised the Texas cavalry this morning. The Yankees were repulsed with the loss of their Colonel, who was mortally wounded and captured by our men before he expired.

BURNSIDE RESIGNED—TROUBLE IN THE YANKEE CAMP.

RICHMOND, Jan. 30.—Special dispatch from Fredericksburg says Northern dates of the 27th have been received. Burnside has resigned and Hooker has been appointed his successor. Gold advanced in consequence to 152. Gens. Sumner and Franklin have been relieved of their commands. Colcott was elected Speaker at Albany.

ADDITIONAL NORTHERN NEWS.

RICHMOND, Jan. 30.—A Washington correspondent of the New York Herald says that the radicals have determined to prosecute the war with the utmost vigor for the next three or four months, and if peace is not concluded within that time they will except the mediation of Napoleon and recognize the South, on condition that it will agree to a plan of gradual emancipation. Callicott the Republican candidate has been elected Speaker of the N. Y. Assembly, and all Republican offices elected. Lieut. Thomas McKean Buchanan, commander of the Federal gunboat Cathlamet, was killed in the engagement at Bayou Teche on the 14th inst.

Vicksburg is again to be assailed by Grant's and McClelland's armies and Porter's gunboat fleet. The expedition has started. The finance bill passed by the House on Monday is already causing inflation of prices. A million dollars in gold sold in Washington chiefly at 64 premium. Accounts from Mexico represent defeat of French troops before Puebla. Communication between Vera Cruz and Orizaba cut off by Guerrillas.

CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

RICHMOND, Jan. 30.—In the Senate, Mr. Barnell, from the Committee of Finance, presented a bill to regulate currency, providing that treasury notes fundable in seven per cent bonds, shall be so funded on or before the first of July, afterwards only fundable in four per cent bonds. New issue to be available within six months from their date in six per cent bonds, afterwards in four.
The bill to organize the Supreme Court was further discussed by Messrs. Seames and Yancey.
House debated the Exemption bill in Committee of the Whole, and adopted an amendment, that no persons will be enrolled who has a substitute in the army, furnished in accordance with orders heretofore issued by the Secretary of War, unless the substitute has

or shall desert, or has or shall become liable to military service. The Committee rose and the House adjourned, to Monday.

HOLLY SPRINGS RECAPTURED—PRISONERS AND STORES TAKEN, &c.

CHATTANOOGA, Jan. 30.—It is rumored here that Holly Springs has been recaptured by Van Dorn with seven hundred prisoners and a large quantity of stores. A Michigan cavalry regiment was badly cut up.

A TERRIBLE CASUALTY.

RICHMOND, January 27, }
8 o'clock, A. M. }

About 4 o'clock this morning, while the guard were escorting Yankee prisoners over the Canal Bridge on 4th street, to the Peters' Mill Canal, and between twenty and thirty pitched into the canal. A number are believed to be drowned. Parties are now engaged fishing for their bodies. One has been recovered up to this writing.

SECOND DISPATCH.

The bodies of two Yankees and one Confederate soldier, are all that have been recovered from the canal so far, though about thirty are reported lost.

FROM FREDERICKSBURG.

RICHMOND, Jan. 27.
Nothing of interest from Fredericksburg tonight. No Yankees on the south side of the Rappahannock. Burnside will undoubtedly make a forward movement as soon as the roads and temper of his men will permit.—The present heavy rain and stormy weather, however, has disconcerted his intended movements.

FROM NASSAU.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 27.
A letter received from Nassau, N. P., by a recent arrival, reports the wreck off Abaco, of the U. S. Transport Ship Planter, bound to New Orleans with 250 troops on board. The vessel is a total wreck, but no lives have been lost. The U. S. Consul has chartered the ship Sallie Bousall to take the troops to New Orleans.

RICHMOND, Jan. 27.

Brig. Gen. J. A. Early has been made a Major General, and placed in command of Gen. Ewell's old Division. Brig. Gen. Trimble has been made a Major General and assigned the command of Gen. Jackson's old Division. Snow is falling here steadily.

ANOTHER STEAMER IN.

CHARLESTON, Jan. 28.
Another steamer from Nassau arrived in a Confederate port last night, and two others have safely departed.

RICHMOND, January 28.

Snow has continued to fall all day.
Advices from Fredericksburg represent all quiet. The temperature of the weather has probably disconcerted the enemy's plans and defeated his plan for the capture of Richmond and Wilmington. He will not be able to accomplish anything in Northern Virginia nor Eastern North Carolina this winter.

KENTUCKY HAS SECEDED.

RICHMOND, January 28.
The Lynchburg Republican says:
A gentleman who left Knoxville on Sunday last reports that the Kentucky Legislature had passed, by a majority of five to one, an Ordinance of Secession from the Abolition Union.

THE WAR IN THE EAST.

The only movement being at present made by the enemy in Virginia or North Carolina are such as are necessary to extricate his troops from the deep mud into which his late attempts to advance have involved them, horse, foot and artillery.

From their own accounts and information that reaches us through other and more trustworthy sources, the last attempt of the Yankees to cross the Rappahannock resulted almost as disastrously to their army as a defeat. The men and horses are said to be completely knocked up by the fatigue and exposure, and the demoralization of the troops consequent upon the ignominious failure of the expedition is such as cannot be recovered from in months to come. In this instance, for the first time during the war, the Yankees have been defeated by the elements.

By private advices from Goldsboro', N. C., we learn that a number of deserters daily come into our lines. They are generally from the Northwestern States, and all tell the same story, viz: that they entered the army to fight for the restoration of the Union, but finding that the war is being only prosecuted for the emancipation and aggrandizement of the negro, they are unwilling to serve longer. They represent their whole army in a state of subordination and demoralization, and give that as the reason why Foster has been unable to carry out his plans for an advance upon our lines.
Rich. Examiner.

A STEAMER CAPTURED BY THE BLOCKADERS.

CHARLESTON, January 29.—The steam propeller Prince Royal, while trying to enter this harbor this morning, was chased, seized and captured by the blockaders on Long Island, about fifteen miles from Charleston Bay. The pilot and one of the crew escaped to the shore. She is from Glasgow, and contains a most valuable cargo, comprising eight Whitworth guns, engines for four gunboats, gunpowder, oil, &c. Important dispatches to the Confederate States, from Capt. Maury in Europe, were saved from the Prince Royal previous to her capture. The steamship Grifelle, from Wilmington, had arrived at Nassau, also the steamship Cornubia, from Wilmington, arrived at Bermuda, where the steamer Merrimack lay anchored.

INTERESTING DECISION.

MACON, Ga., January 28.—The Supreme Court has decided that a conscript under the first law, who obtained a substitute now liable to conscription under the new law, also becomes liable to enrollment.

SCHOOL BOOKS.

Elementary Spelling Books, &c.

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

Our Own Spelling Book price 30 cents.
" First Reader, " 50
" Second Reader, " 50
" Primary Grammar " 30
Orders with the cash, and stamps to pay postage, will receive prompt attention.
Jan. 12, 1863. J. J. BRUNER.

DIED!

In Lynchburg, Va., on the 24th ultimo, of Small Pox, Mr. JOHN PENNINGTON, a member of Capt. Turner's Company, 7th Regt. N. C. Troops.

Goldsboro', North Carolina, }
January, 26th, 1863. }

GENERAL ORDERS.

COMMANDEERS OF BRIGADES WILL GIVE TO the officers detailed for recruiting service, (one from each Company) special directions to arrest and forward to their Companies all enlisted men absent without competent authority.
II. A full pardon, except as to forfeiture of pay for the period of unauthorized absence, is hereby proclaimed to all enlisted men absent without leave, who may voluntarily return to their respective commands on or before the 15th day of February next.
III. All enlisted men who do not voluntarily return within the time specified, and all who shall, after this date, absent themselves from the commands without proper authority, will be charged with desertion and tried by the new Military Court now in session. If found guilty, they will be sentenced to death, whether present or absent; and commanders will be ordered to execute the sentence whenever the condemned can be arrested.
IV. In Companies all the enlisted men of which are present for duty, except those absent under legal orders, are authorized to grant furloughs, at the rate of one for every twenty-five men present for duty in each company, and for periods which, deducting the time necessary for travel, will permit the parties to remain at home fourteen days. Whenever they are authorized by the facts to appear at the rendezvous, which will be required by order of the commanding officer, the company is absent without competent authority, Company and Regimental Commanders will forward, through the regular channels, at the rate and upon the conditions above specified, recommendations of the men most meritorious and deserving of furlough.
V. All enlisted men who are absent under legal orders, or whose names are on the rolls, will be immediately arrested on their return, an examination made into the circumstances of each case, and the facts reported to the Brigade Commander, who will either punish the delinquent, cause charges to be preferred, or return him to duty unpunished, as the circumstances of the case may in his judgment require.
VI. Major A. P. Cox, Chief Quartermaster, will cause these orders to be advertised once a week, for three weeks, in every newspaper published in North Carolina, and in the newspapers published in Columbia, Anderson, Greenville and Yorkville, South Carolina.
By command of Maj. Gen. G. W. SUTHERLAND,
SAM. W. MELTON,
Major and A. A. Gen.

A PROCLAMATION

BY ZEBULON B. VANCE,

Governor of the State of North Carolina.

WHEREAS, IT HAS BEEN MADE KNOWN TO me that a large number of soldiers from our armies are absent from their colors without proper leave in this the hour of our greatest need, and it being confidently believed that a large majority of such were impelled to give their names to the army, and to leave their homes and friends once more after so long an absence, and not because of a cowardly determination to leave their brave comrades to share all the dangers and hardships of the field alone; and whereas, Major Gen. G. W. Smith, in command of the Department of North Carolina, by consent of the Secretary of War, has proposed that all such deserters, who may voluntarily return to duty by the 15th day of February next, shall be received into their several commands, with no other punishment than a forfeiture of their pay for the time they have been so absent without leave; and declaring further that all who do not so return by the said 15th day of February, shall, when apprehended, be tried at their discretion, and upon conviction, be made subject to death.

Now, therefore, I, ZEBULON B. VANCE, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do issue this my proclamation to all soldiers from this State, serving in the armies of the Confederacy, who are now illegally absent from their colors, commanding them to return to duty with their comrades, and exhorting them to avail themselves of this opportunity of saving their friends from the same of a deserter from his country's cause, and themselves from a felon's death. Many, after carrying their country's flag in triumph through various bloody conflicts and making themselves a name, of which their children's children might have been justly proud, have forfeited it all by absenting themselves at a moment when their own State is invaded, and when about to be desolated by a brutal, unchristian foe. Now is the time to resist themselves, by a prompt return to duty. I appeal to them to stand by their country yet a little longer; and not to sully by desertion the bright and glorious reputation of the State, which they have helped to win on a hundred hard fought fields; and to appear to all good and loyal citizens throughout the State, as men who have done their duty, and shall share the last bushel of meal and the last drop of sweat in the State. Let every patriot in the land assist with all his influence in the execution of this proclamation, and our victorious ranks will again be filled, and our country soon rid of the enemy.

In witness whereof, ZEBULON B. VANCE, our W. L. S. Governor, Captain General and Commander in Chief, hath signed these presents and caused the Great Seal of the State to be hereunto affixed. Done at our City of Raleigh, on the 26th day of January, in the year of our Lord, 1863.
Z. B. VANCE.
By the Governor:
R. H. BATTLE, Jr.
Jan 27, 1863—947 Private Secretary.

FOR SALE.

Boiling Cloths and Sheet Steel!
I HAVE about 50 yards of Boiling Cloths, of various numbers, which I will sell at old prices. Also, 2 to 300 sheet steel, which I will sell at old prices.
W. MURPHY.
Salisbury, Feb. 2, 1863 37

Town Property for Sale!

I OFFER FOR SALE TWO VALUABLE Town Lots in Morganton, and a Meadow containing four acres, lying within one hundred yards of the Depot. This is an excellent place for a large Tannery. One of the lots is well fenced and is clover. It is the most handsome building site in Town. The other has a new one and a half story House, a good well of water, an excellent garden, a large stable which will accommodate 40 horses, large coach sheds, and a No. one frame blacksmith shop on it.—This is the most desirable property now to be found in market.

Refugees from the East will do well to look at this property, as I am determined to sell, and will sell on fair terms. If not sold privately, it will be sold at public auction on Tuesday of Burke County Court.
C. S. BROWN,
E. M. BOONE, Agent.
Morganton, N. C. Jan 20, 1863—4136
Standard and State Journal 4 times and mail bills to this office.

Stage Line for Sale!

OWING to the absence of one of the Proprietors in the Army, we are induced to sell our Coaches, Horses, Hacks, &c. This Line runs from the head of the Western North Carolina Railroad to Asheville, a distance of 80 miles, passing through Morganton, Marion, Pleasant Gardens, Old Fort and the Swannanoop Gap of the Blue Ridge. We have twenty-six head of good Horses, four Coaches, three Hacks and several Buggies and Harness for about forty Horses.
Any one wishing to purchase, by calling on the undersigned, can have an opportunity of inspecting all the stock on the Road.
Terms of sale, six months credit, note and good security.
BROWN & McCONAUGHEY,
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Chance for a Profitable Investment.

STEAM DISTILLERY FOR SALE.

THE SUBSCRIBERS INTENDING TO remove from the State, offer for sale their well known Distillery property, situated in the county of Rowan, just beyond the corporate limits of the Town of Salisbury. It comprises a building used for a Distillery, in complete order, with a steam engine, nearly new of

Sixty Horse Power, and all the other machinery necessary for a 300 Bushel House.

Also, a three story rectifying house, grainery Ware-house, Malt house, office, Cooper shop, and three comfortable Dwelling houses—all situated in a grove of

23 1-2 Acres of Ground.

To persons wishing to embark in a profitable enterprise a chance is now offered which rarely occurs. The property will be shown to persons desiring to purchase by the subscribers or in their absence by Capt. A. Myers, whose office is adjoining Cowan's brick house.

Terms will be accommodating.
M. & E. MYERS
Jan. 19, 1863. 1235

37th REGIMENT, N. C. STATE TROOPS.

Near Fredericksburg, Virginia, }
January 18, 1863. }

THIRTY DOLLARS reward will be given for the apprehension and delivery to Capt. McCoy, Confederate States Prison, Salisbury, N. C., for each of the following privates of Company K, 37th Regiment, North Carolina Troops, Jacob Keyly, John Sides, and Linsey Morgan, all residents of Rowan county. By order of Capt. A. G. Godwin.
E. A. PROPST, Capt.
4136 Co. K, 47th Regt., N. C. S. Troops

Wanted Immediately.

A LARGE quantity of FLAX OR COTTON THREAD, to make up clothing for the army. Flax thread preferred for which the highest market price will be paid. Apply to HOWARD & BEARD.
Jan 26, 1863 339

HEADQUARTERS.

Confederate States Prison, }
SALISBURY, Jan. 19, 1863. }

ALL MEMBERS OF CO. (A.) CONFEDERATE STATES PRISON GUARD, are hereby ordered to report to this Company immediately or be considered deserters. Men on sick leave or on furlough are included in the above.
S. B. WATERS, Capt.
Commanding Company A.
1236

A CARD.

Dr. C. A. Henderson,
Respectfully offers his Professional services to the citizens of Salisbury and surrounding country. His Office upstairs at Henderson & Bland's Drug Store.
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