

of Wilcox's army about two thousand strong near Meyersdale, Penn., the following route being completely captured a number of prisoners who state Wilcox's command composed of raw troops.

Telegraphic communication has been opened with Rogersville Junction.

SALE OF BONDS, &c.

At auction to-day, Bonds of the \$15,000,000 Loan Coupons brought 1824 to 191; interest added registered 130 and interest eight per cent.

NORTHERN NEWS.

The Baltimore Gazette of the 3rd, says the report of Morgan's escape into Canada is contradicted; it is supposed he went to the Ohio river and crossed into Virginia. Lincoln has not recovered from his illness. An official dispatch from Banks, dated Brownsville, 9th, says his most sanguine expectations were more than realized.

FROM BRISTOL.

Our latest advices from the front are that Longstreet's forces were in line of battle at Rutledge, his rear guard skirmishing with the enemy, whose pursuit had not been vigorous since our forces left Morrisstown. Our cavalry were skirmishing all day on Monday with the advance of Wilcox's forces on Clinch river.

NORTHERN NEWS.

Telegrams from East Tennessee only confirm Longstreet's retreat. Dispatches from Frazier, of the 7th inst., a. m., says that Wilcox has been sent to attack the enemy and flank Beans Station. Lincoln has issued a proclamation recommending that the people render special homage and gratitude to God for the dislodgment of the insurgents from East Tennessee.

CONFEDERATE CONGRESS.

The Senate convened to-day a spirit to make diligent inquiry into the acts of the Administration on the subjects of arbitrary impressment of prisoners under orders of the Commissary General, and the course of the Secretary of the Treasury in payment of interest on the cotton bonds, which were made subjects of resolutions of inquiry by Mr. Orr, and favorably considered by the Senate. Mr. Orr explained the resolutions by very strong facts on each point.

Levi Short, the inventor of the Greek fire used on Charleston, died in Philadelphia on the 27th ult. This reminds us of a story of the wife of another maker of fireworks. She had seen and admired an epitaph which said "He had gone to a place where only his fireworks are excelled." When her husband died she put upon his tomb the inscription: "He has gone to a place where only his fireworks are excelled." - *Fay. Observer.*

FROM GEN'L LONGSTREET'S ARMY.

From a gentleman direct from General Ransom's command, and now in Richmond on business connected with that command, we have obtained intelligence from General Longstreet's army, which clears up some of the misty misstatements that have appeared in the Northern papers concerning the raising of the siege at Knoxville and Gen. Longstreet's retreat from that place in the direction of Virginia. General Ransom's army was in motion to form a junction with the army of Gen. Longstreet at Knoxville, and on Monday last, the 30th ultimo, he moved from Rogersville to Bean station, but acting upon a subsequent order, made a retrograde movement back to Rogersville. A second order instructed him to press forward to Knoxville; and, on Wednesday, the 2d instant, General Ransom, with his splendid force, was again at Bean station, about forty miles from Knoxville, and pressing forward. From this place he dispatched a courier to Gen. Longstreet, announcing his proximity, and expected to form the junction on Friday night or 1st Saturday. The announcement in the Northern papers of General Longstreet's retreat was evidently based on the retrograde movement made by General Ransom from Bean station to Rogersville, and whose troops were mistaken for a portion of General Longstreet's forces.

The siege was certainly progressing at Knoxville on the 2nd instant, or General Longstreet would not have urged General Ransom to hasten his junction with him at that point. - *Examiner, Dec. 7.*

THE NEWS.

We have to day only one piece of news of interest, and that relates to the present position of Gen. Longstreet. We are at last able to inform our readers where he is. An official dispatch was received from him yesterday, dated "Rutledge, December 6th." Rutledge is thirty miles north-east of Knoxville, on the road to Bristol, and one hundred miles from the latter place. At the date of his dispatch he had halted at Rutledge, but he will inevitably fall back to Bristol on the approach of the enemy. In his present position he is liable to an attack in front from Burnside, in flank from Cumberland Gap, and in rear from the pursuing forces of Grant, who, the telegraph informs us, are making their way towards his rear by the same route by which he himself proceeded against Burnside. Notwithstanding his apparently critical position, we think we may regard him as safe. He has the shortest route before him to Southwestern Virginia and a clear start of his pursuers. What Longstreet has effected in East Tennessee may be summed up in the word nothing. - *Rich. Examiner, Dec. 8.*

RESOLUTIONS ON IMPRESSMENT.

The following resolutions on impressment, introduced by Mr. Aver, of Johnston, from the committee on the subject, have passed both house of the General Assembly. WHEREAS, This Legislature has been informed that certain persons claiming to be officers and soldiers in the military service of the Confederate States, have been and are now going through portions of the State making impressments of Corn, Pork, and other articles of food essential to the support of the inhabitants of the said localities, in addition to the tithes demanded by the government, even before the tithes are collected; and whereas, it is the duty of the authorities of the State to protect its citizens in the enjoyment of their constitutional rights and privileges, as well as the subject to render obedience to its constitutional and legal requirements, therefore, Resolved, That his Excellency, the Governor, is hereby requested to correspond with the authorities of the Confederate States Government in regard to such impressments, and ascertain whether they are directed and countenanced by them, and to make an effort to prevail upon said authorities to put a stop to such illegal proceedings and public nuisances. Resolved further, That in consideration of the scarcity of provisions after the tithes shall be withdrawn from the State, his Excellency, the Governor, be requested to use every honorable means to keep in the State the balance of provisions; otherwise, great and almost universal suffering must ensue.

The English Registrar General's report shows that nearly one in eleven deaths in London occur in work-houses, and that every sixth person dies either a pauper or a criminal. London now covers 120 square miles. The population which increases one thousand a week, is now three millions.

APPOINTMENTS.

Of the members of the A. C. Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church South for the ensuing year. BALDWIN DISTRICT - N. F. Reid, P. E. Station - Braxton Craven, W. H. Wheeler, nona; City Mission, Alex. B. Raven; Colored Chapel, Wm. E. Pelt; Circuit, G. P. Moore. Lonsburg, T. W. Guthrie; Tar Briver, T. P. Ransd; Person, Jno. Tillet; Hillsboro, Wm. C. Wilson - Circuit, Wm. S. Jordan, W. Harris, nona; Gen. Miss to D. P. of N. C., Wm. Cross; Do to Cape Fear, Jno. N. Andrews; Missionary Chaplain to Hole's Brigade, J. J. Hines; Do to Chingman's, J. B. Allord; Do. Lantia, to be supplied.

Chaplain to 12th Regiment N. C. Troops, Jeffrey H. Robbins; 22d, Franklin H. Wood; 30th, A. D. Batts; 44th, Rich. J. Webb; 46th, R. C. Dodson; 48th, Calvin Tyler; 56th, to be supplied; 32d, Wm. B. Richardson; 7th Confederate Cavalry, Jno. D. Buie. GREENSBORO DISTRICT - Peter Doub, P. E. Greensboro, J. W. Tucker; Guilford, Zebedee Rush; Forsythe - one to be supplied - D. W. Doub, C. M. Anderson, nona; Winston, John W. Jenkins; Stokes, R. N. T. Stevenson, S. H. Holsbeck; Madison, James E. Mann; Wentworth, Wm. C. Gannon; Yanceyville, Paul G. Garaway; Leasburg, James P. Simpson; Agent for Greensboro Female College, Jno. S. Long; R. T. Hefflin transferred to Texas Conference; Marquis L. Wadd, Miss. to China.

TRINITY COLLEGE DISTRICT - Wm. Raringer, P. E. Trinity College and High Point, Jno. W. Lewis; Ashboro, Charles H. Phillips; Franksville, Isham H. Hill, Thaddeus L. Troy, nona; Urrarie, Isaac F. Keenan; Davidson, G. M. Pepper; Thomasville and Ligoning, N. H. D. Wilson; South Guilford, Gaswell W. King; Alamance, Wm. H. Barnes.

SALISBURY DISTRICT - Ira T. Wylie, P. E. Salisbury, David B. Bruton; Rowan, Jesse A. Cunningham; East Rowan, Jno. R. Brooks; Mocksville, Robert G. Barrett; Iredell, Lawrence F. Way; Alexander, Carson Parker; Jonesville, James F. Snoot; Wilkes, Thos. S. Triplett; Surry to be supplied; Elkin, M. B. Sherrill; Sauratown - to be supplied; Statesville, James B. Bobbitt, C. P. Jones nona.

WASHINGTON DISTRICT - L. L. Hendrix, P. E. Washington - Arent Chapel; Bath, Matamoras, Nease, Columbia; Portsmouth, Ozeracke and Hatters; and Plymouth - to be supplied. Roanoke, T. B. Kingsbury, N. A. H. Goddin, nona; Warren, Lemus Shelli, T. B. Reeks, supernumerary; B. F. Long, nona; Warren, John B. Williams; Henderson, Jos. H. Wheeler, James Reid, nona; Granville, Theophilus W. Moore; Nashville, Moses J. Hunt; Tarboro, Edwin A. Yates; Greenville, E. A. Wilson.

NEWBERN DISTRICT - C. F. Deems, P. E. [Newbern - Cemetery, Andrew Chapel; Newbern Circuit - to be supplied; Trent, Wm. F. Clegg; B-anfort - Ann St. John Jones; Parvic Chapel, Straits, Cape Lookout, Morehead City - to be supplied; Jones, Mission, Wm. M. Walsh; Kingston and Leasburg, Nathan A. Hooker; Snow Hill, Jos. Wheeler; Wilton, James Wheeler; Goldsboro, A. W. Mangum; Everettsville, Douglas C. Johnson, Geo. W. Deems, nona; Smithfield, L. S. Barkhead; Contentnea, B. B. Culbreth; Agent for the Soldier's Tract Association, M. C. Thomas; L. W. Martin, in the lines of the enemy.

WILMINGTON DISTRICT - D. B. Nicholson, P. E. Wilmington - Front Street, R. S. Moran, 5th Street Mission, S. D. Peeler; Topsail and North Hanover, Wm. H. Moore; Onslow, Wm. Alexander Smith; Onpin and Magnolia, Jos. B. Thomas; Sampson, Wesley M. Roby, Daniel Culbreth, nona; Bladen, Jas. B. Bayley; South river Mission, Robert P. Bibb; Elizabethtown, Samuel M. Frost; Whiteville, Jonathan J. Dalby; Smithville, Thomas J. Gattis, W. M. D. Moore, nona; Cape Fear Mission to be supplied.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT - W. H. Bobbitt, P. E. Fayetteville, H. T. Hudson - Evans Chapel to be supplied; Fayetteville Circuit, Jno. W. Tinsin; Cape Fear, W. S. Chaffin, Gaston Farrar, nona; Haw River, Jos. B. Martin; Pittsboro, Oscar J. Brent; Deep River, S. D. Adams, T. C. Moore, nona; Rockingham, H. H. Gibbons; Montgomery, Isaac W. Arent; Troy, George E. W. che; Robeson, P. H. Seville; Capel Hill, Robt. A. Wilcox. The next Conference will be held at Mocksville, Davie County N. C.

GRAND LODGE.

The Grand Lodge of the Masonic fraternity of the State of North Carolina has been in session in this city for several days, and we understand was expected to close last night. The principal officers elect for the ensuing year are as follows: Grand W. M., Dr. W. F. Watson, of Alamance; Grand S. W., J. McQuinn, of Cumberland; and Grand J. W., C. W. Best, Esq., of Green County. - *Daily Progress.*

MARRIED.

On the 3rd of December, at the residence of Rev. J. A. Lion, by the same, Mr. M. M. HOLDSHOUSER, private in the gallant old 4th Regiment, N. C. State Troops, to Miss DELIA T. TROUTMAN, of Rowan county.

DIED.

In Rowan county, N. C., on the 21st Nov. 1863, Mrs. HARRIET S. THOMASON, wife of Mr. Jesse Thomson, aged 38 years, 6 months and 23 days.

Mrs. Thomson had been a consistent and exemplary member of the Methodist S. Church, south, for nearly 29 years. It was not the privilege of the writer to be with her during her last illness, but he learns from others that when death stared her in the face her only anxiety was for her children - she desired to live only that she might train them properly. We have good reason for believing that, having escaped from the cares and sorrows of earth, she has entered upon her onward in the Paradise above. May God in his mercy comfort and bless the husband and children of the departed! [Communicated.]

PORK WANTED.

THE Army is in want of meat, and I wish to purchase all the PORK I can, for which the highest price will be paid. The meat must be had, and I beg Farmers to send it to me, and save me the trouble of impressing it. A. MYERS, Captain & A. C. S.

TO THE PEOPLE.

Of Rowan, Cabarrus, Stanly, Davidson, Davie, Iredell, Catawba, Caldwell and Burke Counties:

THE Farmers and Citizens of the foregoing Counties are hereby informed, that in consequence of the pressing necessity, just now, in our Armies, for short and forage, Oats, Corn, Hay and Fodder, especially, I have instructed my Agents to exert every energy possible in securing at once a large quantity of these supplies. And, while I earnestly hope the good Farmers and Citizens of those Counties will spare my Agents, as also themselves, the unpleasant necessity of impressment, by selling to me or them, at the schedule prices fixed from time to time by the Commission of Agriculture, I beg to inform you, that if you refuse to sell at these prices, THEREBY MAKING IMPRESSMENT NECESSARY, it is a DUTY, which, in all such cases, my Agents will proceed to EXECUTE PROMPTLY WITHOUT DISCRIMINATION.

If there be any, as I learn there are, who suppose the tenth will be as much as the Government should require, I beg to inform such persons, that in order to sustain our noble, devoted and self-sacrificing Armies, and only the tenth of production, but every near, if not ALL of their surplus will be necessary. The important fact, that the tenth, turned over to the Government, is not for the benefit of any part, county or Government, separate from ourselves, but especially for our own Government, our cause, and ourselves, should not be forgotten, as we fear it is, in many cases. What is, not the tenth or surplus, but each and all of our productions' worth, even at the extortioner's price, compared with the great, grand and overwhelming importance and object of sustaining our armies, sons, brothers, husbands and friends, now standing between us and our blood-thirsty, atrocious and implacable enemy, prosecuting, shielding not only our property, but our honor, our all. Can we lose sight of all these facts? Shall our constant hope, pride, honor and patriotism, sink beneath the grovelling passion of greedy gain and avarice? Surely it cannot, must not, will not.

It is to be hoped that our righteous cause is sufficiently dear and sacred to all, to induce, even the most parsimonious, to be liberal and prompt in letting the Government have their surplus without hesitation. The following are my authorized Agents: A. J. YORK, at Concord, for Cabarrus and Stanly counties. J. R. SIMONTON, at Statesville, for Iredell, Catawba, Caldwell and Burke counties. J. B. FITZGERALD, at Hallsburg, for Davidson, Rowan and Davie counties. J. P. BRIDGER, Capt. and A. C. M. Salisbury, Dec. 14, 1863. 1w30

FURS, FURS, FURS.

WANTED. - The subscriber wishes to purchase Rabbit, Muskrat and Koon Skins, for which the highest prices will be given. WM. H. SMITH, Salisbury, Dec. 7, 1863. 1f29

HIRING OF NEGROES.

THE Servants belonging to the heirs of Rufus D. Johnston, deceased, will be hired in Salisbury on 1st day January, 1864. R. Z. JOHNSTON, Agent. December 14, 1863. 3i30

Headquarters, C. S. Militia.

Salisbury, N. C., Dec. 7, 1863. To Non-Conscripts.

LIEUT. HENRY P. ALLEN has been authorized by the Secretary of War to raise a Company of Non-Conscripts, for local service as Prison Guards at Salisbury.

It is probable that the present Congress will extend the ages of conscription, and that it will authorize the conscription of all who have furnished substitutes.

Now is a fine opportunity for all those who are liable to be conscripted as above stated, and they should immediately apply to Lieut. H. P. Allen, or Capt. S. GALLOWAY, Commanding Post.

The Daily State Journal, and Wilmington Daily Journal, and Charlotte Bulletin, will copy two weeks, and send bills to this office.

NOTICE - Slave owners and Free negroes of Rowan county, who have furnished labor for the Public Defence at Weldon, Raleigh and Wilmington, are requested to meet in Salisbury, December 19th, instant, to execute Powers of Attorney to collect their money. December 14, 1863. 1i30

NOTICE.

I will sell at public auction in Statesville on Saturday the 19th inst., one fine milk Cow and calf, one rosewood Guitar, and household and kitchen furniture, consisting of tables, chairs, bedsteads, wash stands, &c.

ALSO - 25 bales of spun cotton, Nov. 8, 9, and 10. Also 15 yards of woaden Jeans. Sale to commence at 11 a. m. If the weather shall be too inclement, the sale will take place on Monday the 21st. C. JONES, Statesville, Dec. 12, 1863. 1w30

\$25 REWARD.

STRAYED or stolen from Murphy's lot in Salisbury, a sorrel COLT two years old and pale, had a saddle and bridle on with the horns broken off; he had a white star in the forehead and a white spot on his hip, not registered which. The above reward will be paid for the delivery of the colt, saddle and bridle. P. L. BARRINGER, 1i30

SITUATION WANTED. - The undersigned having had considerable experience as an Overseer, would like to secure a situation as such. He has been following it for ten or twelve years. Letters may be addressed to him at Leaksville, N. C., or application made to Mr. R. H. Eanes, seven miles and a half above Salisbury. P. D. WALL, December 14, 1863. 3ud30

HEADQUARTERS 5th Bat. HOME GUARD.

SALISBURY, Dec. 12, 1863. THE Commanding officers of companies of Home Guard are hereby ordered to resume weekly drill on and after Saturday the 19th. JNO. A. BRADSHAW, Major Commanding. 1i30

NOTICE.

HAVING taken Letters of Administration on the estate of J. P. Conway, deceased, I will sell, at the house of Mrs. Mary Rankin, on the Sherrill Ford road, sixteen miles west of Salisbury, on Tuesday, the 29th December, the following property, viz:

SIX LIKELY NEGROES.

consisting of Two Men, Two Boys, Woman and Girls. Bed and Parlor, lot of School Books, one double barrel shot Gun and apparatus. Terms made known on the day of sale. O. GILLESPIE, Admr. December 7, 1863. 3w30

N. B. All persons having claims against said estate, will present them for payment; also, all persons owing said estate, must settle with me, or my Admr. O. GILLESPIE, Admr. December 7, 1863.

A CARD.

To the people of Rowan, Cabarrus, Iredell, Davie, Stanly, Yadkin, and Davidson Counties:

I beg to call the attention of Farmers and others to the advertisement of the Chief Commissary for the State, by whom I have been ordered to impress in all cases where I cannot purchase the supplies of Wheat, and other supplies in the above named Counties, for the use of the army. This order has been rendered necessary by the refusal of persons generally to sell to the Government. I therefore take this occasion to make a final appeal to all to sell to me at once, or to my authorized agents, their surplus of Wheat, Flour, Bacon, Pork, Peas, and other subsistence stores, and save themselves the mortification of impressment, for unless they respond at once, the authority to impress will be exercised most rigidly, and without distinction. A. MYERS, Captain & A. C. S. SUBSTANCE DEPARTMENT, Salisbury, Nov. 30, 1863. 1f27

To the Farmers of North Carolina.

THE undersigned Chief Commissary for the Department of North Carolina, charged with the important duty of procuring supplies for the subsistence of the Army, begs leave to appeal once more to the Farmers of North Carolina for aid. Deeply anxious to avoid impressment whenever it is possible to do so, he has forborne thus long, in the earnest hope that the patriotic farmers of the land, glorying in the bravery and sufferings of their own noble sons, would promptly and voluntarily come forward to feed them according to the means which God has blessed them. He yet trusts they may do so, but feels bound to warn them in case they will not sell, that he will seize as the law empowers him to do, and will be no respecter of persons. Are you afraid of the conscription? Where will that and all else be without the Army, and where will that gallant army be, unless it is fed? Think of these things and open your hearts and your stores, rich and poor, to the Agents of the Government. Do not wait for it to be taken by force, let not your patriotism be stained by a selfish reluctance, but rather sanctified and ennobled by the blessing which hath been promised to him who giveth cheerfully. JAMES SLOAN, Maj. & Chief Com. for N. Carolina. Office Chief Commissary, Davie N. C. Greensboro' N. C. }

\$50 REWARD.

POCKET BOOK LOST - in the town of Salisbury, a small black leather Pocket Book, containing from \$225 to \$250 in twenty, ten and five of Confederate States bills, and a small amount of N. C. Treasury notes in 50, 25, 10, and 5 cents bills. The above reward will be paid for the recovery of the above and no questions asked. W. MURPHY, Dec. 7, 1863. 2d4f

WANTED!

I WANT to hire TWO BOYS, (white) to make cores in the Foundry attached to the C. S. Ord. Works, Salisbury. A. G. BRIDGER, Capt. Art'y Cavalry.

NEGROES TO HIRE.

As Administrator of James S. Graham, deceased, I will hire on the 1st day of January next, Two Negro Boys and one Negro Girl and Child, for one year. R. L. SMITH, Administrator. December 7, 1863. 2w29

DOG LOST.

\$10 REWARD. - My dog, Flo, a large liver-colored and white Setter left Mr. J. C. McConaughy's on the night of Wednesday, November 25th. The above reward will be paid if the dog is left at the store of Mr. J. A. McConaughy, or for any information which will lead to his recovery. THOS. HILL, December 7. 2w29

EXECUTRIX NOTICE.

THOSE indebted to the estate of John S. Carson, deceased, are hereby notified to make payment; and those having claims against said estate, are hereby notified to present the same for payment within the time allowed, or this notice will be plead in bar of recovery. JANE L. CARSON, Executrix. December 7, 1863. 2w29

NEGRO HIRING.

The Negroes of the Estate of Solomon Hall, deceased, will be hired for one year, in Salisbury, on the 1st day of January, 1864. J. W. HALL, E. CRAIG, Executors. December 7, 1863. 3w29

FLAX SEED WANTED.

THE highest cash prices paid for Flax Seed. Apply to Dr. Wm. H. Howerton, at the Boyden House. Salisbury Dec. 14, 1863. 4w30

WANTED.

TO BUY OR RENT A PLANTATION containing from 200 to 400 acres of open land, with a good Dwelling and necessary out-houses. The Place must be healthy, affording good water. T. G. HAUGHTON, Salisbury. September 26, 1863. 1f29