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We are assured by Georgia papers, that Gen. Johnston's movements are a part of a plan settled upon months ago...

The associate editor of the Atlanta Intelligencer, left our army bivouacking at Adairsville on the 17th of May...

The Yankees are pressing our forces closely and skirmishing all the day between their advance and our rear rank...

Our army is in fine spirits and eager to fight, but it is the determination of General Johnston not to risk a general engagement until he has reached the ground he desires...

The following additional items we find in the Atlanta Intelligencer of the 20th: Our reporter returned from Cass Station on the train, which arrived here this morning...

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We have nothing new from Virginia—Grant is afraid to attack Lee, and we do not believe he will attempt any movement of that nature for some time. The Intelligencer of the 21st says:

Although we have no new battles to record, we have accounts from the glorious old army of Northern Virginia which would gladden the breast of a stone. Our army is not only in the best possible spirits and fighting condition...

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We publish to-day the President's special message upon the writ of habeas corpus. President Davis, like all men who possess power, are unwilling to surrender it. Power is sweet to the taste and it will only be relinquished when those who possess it are unable longer to hold on to it.

The President has secured the passage of a law suspending the privilege of the writ of habeas corpus. That law will be in force for ninety days after the meeting of this Congress. That ninety days will be held to rigorously and tenaciously, regardless of consequences.

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LEGISLATIVE SUMMARY.

We give the following synopsis of the legislative proceedings of Saturday and Monday. Select Committees were raised by the House and Senate upon the following subjects treated of in the message of the Governor:

1st. That portion which refers to conscription. 2nd. That which refers to propositions for peace, also a joint select committee in regard to supplying the wants of the families of indigent soldiers reported, recommending an appropriation of \$1,000,000, and \$7,000 to the families of Lidian soldiers.

In the House, Mr. McKay introduced a bill to restore the jurisdiction of the courts. The following engrossed bills from the Senate passed their second and third readings, and were read:

A bill concerning the mileage and per diem of the members of the General Assembly. A resolution in favor of the sureties of W. T. J. Vann, sheriff of New Hanover county.

A bill to prevent the obstruction of the passage of fish in Big Swamp. Resolution (from the House) in regard to importing goods by the State for the use of the army, protesting against the action of Congress and the regulations arising therefrom in relation to the subject, and instructing the members of Congress from this State to endeavor to have the obstructions removed.

A bill to incorporate the soldiers female home of Forsyth county. A bill for the benefit of the legal representatives of deceased soldiers. Passed its 2nd and 3rd readings. [Authorizes the Governor to appoint an agent with a salary of \$2500 per annum, to discharge the duties specified in the message of the Governor. The agent is also allowed his necessary expenses.]

Mr. Shepherd introduced resolutions relative to a basis of peace. Referred to a select committee of five—ordered to be printed and made the special order for 12 o'clock on Wednesday next.

Mr. Shepherd, a resolution concerning Mallett's Battalion, (requests that the battalion be received into the field service of the Confederate States, under its existing organization.) Adopted.

An engrossed resolution in relation to Gov. Vance, was also transmitted from the Senate. [This resolution compliments His Excellency for the faithfulness and ability with which he has discharged the duties of his office, and expresses confidence in his integrity and patriotism.]

Mr. Cobb offered an amendment in the shape of an additional resolution, expressing like confidence in President Davis and a grateful appreciation of the heroism of the soldiers.

On motion of Mr. Carter, a division of the question was ordered, and that clause of the amendment, commensurative of the President was adopted—yes, 45; nays 42. The second clause of the amendment was unanimously adopted, and the question recurring on the resolutions as amended, they were adopted with only three dissenting votes.

MAJORITY VOTES.—A great cry is made by the enemy exceptors, or crying shame and traitorous conduct of the Legislature, in exempting Magistrates under the age of 25 years from conscription.

Lt. Rensler, Enrolling Officer for this county informs us, that the number of Magistrates exempt by reason of their office, in this county, and who would otherwise be in the army, is the enormous amount of fifteen!

What a cry is made about this matter, and who are those who make it? It is men who are themselves basking in the smiles and favors of the Government, and are resting under its protecting shield, in the form of comfortable exemption papers.

The number of Home Guards and Militia officers is fifty nine, and all of these, or a majority, are busily engaged in raising something for the people to eat.

But they ought to be in the service, so that the State would be entirely without any local defense, and every man in the army under military law, thus handing over the entire State, body and soul, to any sort of despotism that in the course of events might be established over her.

That would be marvellously proper—exceedingly just and right.

We are pleased to know that our Legislature and Governor differ from these ideas a little.

PETERS FALLING.—The prices of everything is beginning to come down to a fighting standard. Money is now being sought after more than anything else. Speculators are beginning to invest their plunder in money rather than their money in plunder. This is only the beginning of the general depression. In June the Confederate States are to pay—next will follow the State taxes and then the funding in July of the five dollar bills.

Some of our business men think that produce, and, as a consequence, all other goods will be down as low as at any time during the year 1862.

Flour that has been sold here for \$300, now brings \$100 and is going down daily. Bacon that sold for \$5, is now bringing from \$2 to \$2.50. Corn sold at \$10 and is now sold at \$3. Butter has sold for \$10, and some has sold on the streets for \$4.

The crops in every part of the country are most promising, and everything betokens plenty. Our armies are filled with brave and fearless souls, willing to do or die for the cause—in fact, everything seems bright and cheering.

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