## The Messenger.

THE SECRETARY OF WAR ON WHAT HAS BEEN DONE

Secretary of War Alger is proud of his success. He says an army of 125,-000 men was raised in forty-eight days. This is his great work he brags of to make a conquering force. With no disposition to rob him of really well earned laurels, the thought will arise, what about preparing the 125,000 for active war? How many of these men are armed with the best improved modern guns? How many are properly clothed. How many are properly fed and cared for? The two North Carolina regiments have been made to suffer and are even now not properly clothed or armed after six weeks or longer. If other regiments from other States are in the same bad fix then the brag is too high as to raising an army fit for service in forty-eight days. The statement is too highly colored and needs toning down. Alger boasts that "twelve miles of freight cars bearing rations have been loaded in less than a month, that thousands of guns have been made in that time, that the ar- We notice that republican newspapers senals run day and night, that millions criticise the prejudices of southern of cartridges have been made, coast defences have been erected and all in a short space of time. This is probably all true. But the fact remains of insufficiency, of poor arming, of suffering among soldiers, of short pay, of their unpreparedness when war was contemplated and then declared. Mr. Bigelow says that not a regiment in the south was prepared to move a week ago. This country has been caught knapping. Every arsenal should be all the not allowed this privilege in the north. time well supplied with the best modern guns, and all requisite munitions of war. When war came everything had to be extemporized. It was like the South was when it entered upon the great war to fight five times its numbers.

pointments to "Deer Jones" or "Deer per the Philadelphia North American Smith" of Brigadier Generalship or Adjutant Generalship or something else. Uncle Sam has entered and has his grip upon the back of Alger's neck and says sternly-"Stop that, and get down to business." A Washington Special to the Post appears underneath. In it we find this: "An army officer who is an admirer and supporter of Miles said to me today: "Alger starts in to fit out a regiment of soldiers as he would a sawmill."

Miles complained of the conditions at Tampa, and said the fault was with "Alger's staff." The Secretary bristled up and replied:

"If it is true that hundreds of freight cars loaded with supplies are congested on the tracks at Tampa and that the movements of the army are retarded in consequence of equipments not being distributed, why don't you utilize some of the 25,000 men you have at your disposal and straighten things out?"

There is no question raised as to the condition being bad. That is accepted, but the complaint and contention are-Who is responsible?

Since writing the last line looking into the Charleston News and Courier we find South Carolina soldiers at Chickamauga, on the 14th of June actually drilling in bare skins-a most novel uniform, and very discreditable to the Secretary of war and all concerned. The special begins:

"Unexpectedly, and against the protests of the officers, the South Carolina regiment was ordered out for brigade drill this afternoon. The regiment had not before drilled as a whole but what was more cared for was that be exposed. A request to be excused was of no avail, and so the men went in to do the best possible. The regiment is only partially equipped and missing supplies are slow in coming. The rear men in the regiment today had such rents in their trousers as to show their nakedness, but the men had to be hauled out for brigade drill to expose their condition. The companion regiments, the 12th and 15th Pennsylvania, were fully equipped, and the brigade made a splendid show. The South Carolina looked ragged, but the spirit of the men was fine, and altogether everything was very well

Alas! for the soldiers of the Caro linas. The Yankees seem to have spite against the two States that los so heavily in the great war.

#### THE WAR TAX MEASURE AS PASSED

For reasons we have not undertaken to follow up the discussions in the ongress as to the war revenue bill, and the changes in the bills in the two a pound on tea. This too after twentyhouses. The democrats have not agreed six years of no tax upon it. It is a with the dominant republican party return to taxing necessaries while big only in part. The bill as passed is not incomes are untouched. And they call as either body first favored. In the senate three fourths of the democrats bill as reported. Senators Caffrey, of day. That shows what sort of a lux-

woted against the final passage of the Mitchell, of Wisconsin, Murphy, of New New Jersey, all gold democrats, were with the republicans, the last two not voting, one being paired. So a part of the senate democracy is pledged to a bond issue policy. The act as passed provides for \$400,000,000 of bonds and \$100,000,000 of treasury certificates good for three years. The tonnage tax and the stamp tax on goods, were receded from and id not become a part of the bill that passed. Tea is taxed 10 cents a pound, adulterated flour is taxed, sleeping car and parlor car tickets, the gross receipts of petrolium and sugar refin-

tax on bankers, brokers and theatre

proprietors in cities of more than 25,000

\$2 a barrel, and there is a general increase in the tobacco tax schedule. The graduated inheritance tax also stands. We are to have taxes also on checks, on purchase of bonds and stocks of corporations, on patent medicines, face powder, message over telegraph and long distance telephone wires, on mortgages and legal documents of various kinds, on excess packages, insurance policies, tickets to Europe, sleeping car tickets and numerous other articles.

The silver seinorage is to be coined at a rate of not less than \$1,500,000 a month. The senate asked for \$3,500,000. It is regarded as strictly a war measure. If the war should last long, costnow \$1,000,000 a day, and soon will cost much more, the war tax measure will be soon exhausted.

#### RACE PREJUDICE IN SOLDIERING

The attitude of negro troops now is so aggressive that it provokes comparison with the past. In the great war over 100,000 negroes fought the south and they were all commanded by northern whites. Ceneral Grant and other leading soldiers did not think it wise or necessary to put negroes in command of companies, regiments or brigades. whites and say it is born "of the system of chattel slavery," and that it ought not "to prevail against reason and common sense many years longer. This is so much like the solomonic deliverances in the north. There is as much or more race prejudice "up there' as there is in the south-more really than exists in North Carolina. In proof negro mechanics of all kinds work with whites in the south but they are If there is no prejudice in the north as to negroes why do not negroes preach to whilte congregations, and how is it that ther aces have separate churches. and why is inter-marrying so censured and the guilty ones so taboved? Since writing this we find copied in the The Denver (Colorado) Post got out | Charleston News and Courier the fola good cartoon recently. Alger is at lowing which answers fully the conhis deak, writing letters containing ap- tention of an old republicann newspa-

"The Richmond Dispatch lets the light through this hopeful republican's explanation very handsomely. It reminds the Philadelphia paper that the United States government officered all its many negro brigades, regiments and companies in the late war with white | Spanish ships in the harbor of Santiago men, ad has managed effectively to bar colored officers out of its regular army and the navy for the past third of a century. The colored volunteers will take note and insist on their ights. The republican administration ought to give them a few generals, colonels, majors and captains by all means."

#### LOBBYISTS IN THE SENATE

It seems that there is more than one ob worked by an unscrupulous agent upon the United States Senate. The venerable Senator from Alabama said he had heard of one for \$388,000. Senator Chandler and other Senators favor the enactment of a general law to shut out forever the work of lobbyist and claim agents from the Senate. It should be done. He stated that in his former remarks he had no idea of reflecting upon the Southern Methodist church. He regarded its claim as just and did not propose to interfere with it. Senator Pasco, of Florida, said that the facts in the reported scandal should be ascertained by the Senate, and that in his opinion there is an obligation upon the high chuch authorities to conduct an investigation of the action of some of its officials, and he had the sincerest belief that they will take such action as will place them and the church in their proper light. This will doubtless be done in due form accordthe nakedness of the soldiers should ing to the laws and processes of the Southern M. E. Church. It may be relied upon that the Church will uncover the facts, and if any of its officers have behaved scandalously or dishonorably in any way they will be properly dealt

### Something to Know.

It may be worth something to know that the very best medicine for restoring the tired out nervous system to a healthy vigor is Electric Bitters. This medicine is purely vegetable, acts by giving tone to the nerve centres in the stomach, gently stimulates the Liver and Kidneys, and aids these organs in throwing off impurities in the blood. Electric Bitters improves the appetite, aids digestion, and is pronounced by those who have tried it as the very best blood purifier and nerve tonic. Try it, Sold for 50c or \$1.00 per bottle at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

### BREVITIES.

The congress has put a tax of 10 cents this a republic. There is much of despotism in such folly.

The present war costs \$1,000,000 every Louisiana, Lindsay, of Kentucky, ury a small war is. If some great European power should wade in it will York, Gray of Deleware and Smith, of cost five or ten times that sum every

> Sometime ago, it is stated, Spain could have easily sold the Philippines for \$200,000,000. Now this fine property slips from her fingers.

After eight weeks of effort Uncle Sam has only been able to enlist for the regular army 10,000 of the 35,000 wanted. Americans prefer to volunteer in war rather than to be placed in the army. The army ways are not the ways of free born 'Americans.

Two big failures among speculators, Leiter "busted" on wheat, and one E. ing companies in excess of \$250,000, the T. Hooley, "busted" on pneumatic tires for bicycles. He had previously cleared \$12,000,000, says the New York Tribune, but is now bankrupt.

The beer tax is increased from \$1 to The German election was yesterday

A new parliament is to be elected. The New York Tribune says with meaning. that "there is no Bismarck at the head of affairs to govern without parlia-

Dave Hill has come out of his hole. He is a goldbug but will head the democratic delegation from Albany in the state convention. He is for harmony among democrats.

The guessers in New York produce exchange put wheat crop for 1898, at 637,000,000 bushels-greatest of all crops. In 1891, it was 611,780,000 bushels.

#### HOME FOLKS

Messrs. A. A. F. Seawell and E. M McIver take charge of the Jonesboro Progress, as editors. We trust that they will be well sustained.

The venerable Rev. James Needham. Methodist preacher of Surry county recently celebrated his ninety-ninth birthday, by preaching to 1,000 people who asembled in a grove near his home. They heard that day a sermon from the oldest minister of the Gospel to whom they ever listened, and possibly he was preaching at a more advanced age than any other preacher who has been heard in the United States in this century. He preached with much fervency and after the services a dinner was spread and all partook. Among the guests were 250 of the aged parson's kinsfolk. It was a sight for men and angels.

The Raleigh Post copied what the Messenger said of the bounty business in New York and tried to discredit by discrediting Frank Leslie's Monthly. The New York Tribune or World, we are not positive as to which, copied the pictures etc., and said not a word in condemnation of the statement. The News and Courier says we must have seen a copy of the Magazine for 1861. We saw it copied and nothing was said of date that we saw.

The old fable as Wyatt being the first man to fall in the great war and that he was a native North Carolinian is still being repeated in State papers and in the face of all the most conclusive and remarks positive evidence against Get your history right.

We notice that since Lieutenant Victor Blue made such a successful and gallant exploit in locating precisely the that he is set down as a native of South Carolina. But not so. We learn that he was born in North Carolina a few miles from Maxton. Score another triumph for a bold sailor boy from our State. His father taught school at Floral College. Dr. McMillan knew the father and son as we are informed by Rev. Mr. Law, of Lumber Bridge, an ex-editor and Presbyterian minister of high character, intelligence and use-

#### Summer Schools at the University. (Correspondence of The Messenger.)

Chapel Hill, N. C., June 15. The university summer school opens next Tuesday, the 21st instant, and the law school on July 1st. The three weeks from June 1st to June 21st are the only days of rest in the life of this great educational plant. All other times it is at work upon one class or another of its 693 students.

The summer school this year is a climax of effort on the part of the university to provide the highest form of instruction for the teachers of the state at almost nominal cost.

In addition to the professors of the university and the leading teachers of North Carolina, men of such national reputation as Apgar, Joynes, Mace, Hammell and Coughlin are included in the faculty. The libraries, laboratories and all equipment of the institution are

Attractive evening lectures will be given by celebrated men. The president of the university will give his impressions of educational and life in the orient and Europe, as obtained from recent travel. The summer school is the university for a month on the coeducational plan and with a delightful company of cultivated people assembled within its halls. Dr. Alderman has about recovered

from his serious fall during commencement, though he has been confined to his room for nearly two weeks. It was a matter of great regret to him that he could not fulfill his engagement to speak to the people of Elizabeth City on the 13th.

Dr. Alexander has gone to Knoxville to deliver the alumni address at the University of Tennessee.

A valuable addition to the unrivaled portrait collection of the university is a recept gift by Mr. Charles W. Worth, of Wilmington, of a handsome oil portrait of his father, the late David G. Worth. It is by Mrs. Marshall L. H. Williams, and is much admired by all who have seen it.

The election of Mr. Crawford Biggs as assistant professor in the law school adds greatly to the strength of that department and promises yet larger growth in its flourishing professional

Profesor Noble, the new professor of pedagogy, will take up his residence ere at the case of this week. Professor Noble's connection with the university means another strong bond between the university and the public

### The Dry Goods Market.

New York, June 16 .- The week in drygoods shows a gradual improvement in the amount of business done. Since the reduction in bleached cottons and the fixing of new prices on fall prints has been trained to know that the rights there has been a fair daily average of sales on mail orders. The improvement in bleached goods has not been marked. Print cloths are unchanged; extras are quoted at 2c still, but sales are very backward.

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#### NORTH CAROLINA

Recruiting drags slowly. The Bagley monument fund amounts to

A Jacksonville correspondent of The Concord Standard says: "Even General Lee, when passing our camp does not receive cheers with the same vim and spirit as are given to Colonel Julian S. Carr."

Two prize houses and other buildings were burned in Greenville on Sunday. Fire caught in a stable in the rear of the factory of the American Tobacco Company. The loss by fire was \$8,000 to \$10.

The negro who assaulted Mrs. Malcom Hanna at Gastonia, by choking her in her own house several weeks ago, was captured in Yorkville, S. C., and was committed to jail at Dallas Friday. His name is Thomas Simpson. He has been fully identified by Mrs. Hanna.

Lincolnton Journal: We are informed that Judge L. B. Wetmore, of this place, has been tendered and will accept the colonelcy of the Third regiment, Tennessee volunteers, now in camp at Chickamauga, Tenn. It has been suggested that this is a mean trick of the democrats to get Judge Wetmore out of the judicial

Greenville Reflector: Evangelist R. G. Pearson left this morning for his home in Asheville. Now he has come and gone we but voice the sentiment of the entire town and community when we say that a greater one has never been here and the only regret is that he could not remain longer. The results of the meeting have been such, we believe, as will last through time, and be known in eternity. R. G. Pearson will long live in the hearts of the people of Greenville.

Goldsboro Argus: A distressing accident befell Captain Sam J. Coley, the yard master of the Southern railway in this city, this morning, in consequence of which his right arm had to be amputated near the shoulder. He was atthe Enterprise Lumber Company when his foot slipped and he fell on the side of the track close enough to the rail for the wheel of the moving locomotive to crush his elbow so badly that amoutation was necessary.

Durham Sun: There was a cutting scrape Saturday evening about 7:30 o'clock in the alley in the rear of the No. 9 saloon on Mangum street. Wiley Whitfield and Hal Crabtree were the participants, and for some time they cut at each other right lively. Crabtree was cut in the right side of his neck, on the right shoulder, hand split open and a stab in the left shoulder. Whitfield was only stabbed once, and that was in the lower part of the left side about two inches below the heart, into the lung.

Marion Messenger: Percy Martin on Saturday morning was in J. W. Streetman's drug store, and while Mr. Streetman was waiting on a customer, walked behind the prescription case and swallowed, he afterwards said, a teaspoonful of oxide of mercury, or "red precipitate," which has about the same effect his hands. He said that he wanted to kill himself. Drs. Morphew and Kirby, with a stomach pump, hindered him from hurrying himself into another world. By Saturday night he was out of danger and is now doing very well.

Charlotte News: The expected split in the republican party in this congressional district has come. When Colonel Oliver H. Dockery was nominated for congress by the republican congressional convention it was predicted that he would have opposition. That convention failed to endorse the administration of Govcourse, felt the slight. So Dr. R. M. Norment, of Lumberton, Robeson county, has appounced him. ty, has announced himself an independent republican candidate for congress. He says he is going to shoot three big guns, one at the democrats, one at the populists, and another at the Dockery republicans .-- A gentleman who came down from Statesville last night tells The News that the churches were all closed in that place yesterday on account of the smallpox scare. It was feared that the assembling of the people in the churches would give an opportunity for infection. Winston Sentinel: A telephone message received here last night from Fulp stated that Mrs. Sarah Henley, of this city, who is visiting the family of Dr. E. Fulp, fell yesterday afternoon and it was thought that she had fractured her hip.

### STATE PRESS.

After many years of waiting and applying for everything and changing of party in search of pie, W. R. Henry has at last been given a slice. He has been appointed as National bank examiner for North Carolina, the position held by Colonel Burgwyn for several years and which he resigned to become colonel the Second regiment of North Carolina volunteers. One thing about this new appointment, Henry is large enough to fill it and consume the pie. It is be hoped he will now rest easy awhile.-Greenville Reflector.

There are many evidences that members of the other two parties are dissatisfied with the result of the present misgovernment that disgraces the state. Party ties rest loosely. There are thousands of voters who are this year going to vote for the best man. This, of course, means that the democrats will make large gains, for by comparison its candidates are the fittest men to make laws. It is not going to be enough to present men who are merely better qualified than their opponents. We must name men for all places, from constable up, of such lofty character and integrity that people will be constrained to vote for them .-Raleigh News and Observer.

We are notified that good men will be nominated by the democrats of Surry for county officers and the legislature and if we are defeated we will have the genuine pleasure of knowing we went down with good men on board the old ship. As soon as the voters of Surry come to their senses and see where they are drifting, it will be very easy to elect good and competent men to fill the offices of county, state and nation. The people are not all blind—they know the promised restoration of confidence has not arrived yet-and the people, the hard working classes, see the great folly of making such extravagant promises with nothing to back up these wild statements. Now, when the election comes off, what -Mt. Airy News.

A meeting of negroes in Rocky Mount last week, composing the judicial convention of their party, nominated Chas. A. Cooke, of Warren, for judge, and Robert W. Williamston, of Craven, for solicitor. The latter is a negro, without legal ability or experience and totally unfit to be soncitor. The former is a present position rather detracts from both. Not a white man was in the convention. If Mr. Cooke is the man we have always heard he was, his own sense of decency and honor will prompt him to quit a candidacy which is not representative of either the culture, brains, character or property of the district. He cannot elevate the republican party by being the race fellow of an ignorant negro for high judicial position. As a lewyer he of the people should be guarded zealously by able and experienced counsellors. He knows that his yoke fellow is not of his class. He ought to decline the nomination.-Windsor Ledger.

Confirmed by the Senate. Washington, June 16 .- The senate today confirmed these nominations: Robert Smalls, collector of customs, at

Beaufort, S. C. Volunteer Army-Third regiment en-gineers, Edward Willis, of South Caroina, assistant quartermaster with rank of captain. Fourth infantry, Rev. S. F. Chapman, Virginia, to be chaplain; T. Parker, Virginia, to be major; W. W. Strathar, Virginia, to be commissary, with rank of captain; R. S. Thompson, South Carolina, to be captain of volunteer signal corps.

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