Through the kindness of Miss Ann Hendersan we are in posession of a copy of the Lincolnton STAR, published in 1861 by Benj. Woodeide. This copy bears date of May 3, 1861.

The following extracts will be interesting to many of our read-

A Gloomy Day.

Tuesday last has been a day, for which Lincolnton never had an opportunity before, for showing and expressing sadness and sorrowfulness It was the day, on which our brave volunteers, had to take, may be the eternal farewell from their parents, wives and children, brothers, sisters and friends, and face an unmerciful ioe, on the verge of invading the South and desolating our homes.

Before their departure a beautiful flag was presented to them, by Rev. Lander in the name of the Ladies of Lincolnton, for whose generosity and kindness. they were made possessors of one of the most beantiful Emblems. that fair hands, could ever make. Sargent Hoyle expressed, in

behalf of his brothers in arms, to the fair givers of this precious gift, his thanks and gratitude in a most excellent speech.

Prayers were offered by the Rev. Berry, Bland, Davis and Avery. Hymns were sung by the multitude of people assembled on this accasion.

After this, the brave Company, composed of 99 men the elite of our town and county, left for the depot, followed by the crowd, anxious to see them off, and bid them the last adieu.

We wish them success and may the Lord preseve them all. The Lincolnton Brass Band accompanies them so far as Raleigh, and will be back by Saturday.

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Letter From Texas.

Lampasas, Texas, March 5, '93.

MR. EDITOR :- Will you please find room enough in your successful Courier to publish a few brief sketches of Texas which I will endeavor to give. I left Iron Station Monday, Feb. 21, for Lanpases county, Texas. I arrived at Charlotte, N. C., at about 12 o'clock: J then got on board to change care no more until I would be off of N. soil. I arrived in Atlanta at 16 o'clock the following night and after a stay of about twenty minutechanged cars for Burmingbam and after a long and wearisome journey, reached Burmingbam at seven o'clock the following day. I then changed cars for Memphis Tenn., and after more than a day's ride reached Mamph's and after about an bour's rest I again got or

board for Fair Oaks, Arkansas. did not change any more until l reached Fort Worth. I stayed over night at Forth Worth and by twis light I was again on board for my destination. I reached Lampages the following night. The following morning I lett Lampasas and after about four miles journey west of the tatter place I located on a farm. This is a very fine country, the people raise corn, wheat and oats. Cat. tle, sheep and horses are the chief occupation of the people. Dear readers, if you were here you could lock just as far as you please and you could see nothing but rolling praries covered with grass and great herds of cattle feeding and see tha cow boy guarding them or else try. ng to lasso one.

It is awfully dry here, there has been any rain here in over six mouths. The creeks have all gone dry; the citizens of this community say that the creeks have not afford ed any water for the cattle in three

We have some pretty tough times

trying to break wild pomes to the addle and harness The first work Names of The Southern Stars, I was asked to do was to help har-On the 22nd day of April a ness a wild pony to the plow. I did Military Company was formed in as I was bid to do. The were three Lincolnton to be known by the of us detoiled to work the pony, I name and style of the "Southern | took held of the bits while one of Stars." Ninety nine having vol. | the others took hold of the plow unteered the Company organized, and the other the harlter rein. by electing the following officers: Some one gave the command, "go two States have it in their power to on" and she certainly went. My hold broke and I teil and the darned pony had no better seuse than to jump on me which it did. I'll ell you friends, you could have almost heard me hollowing to North Carolina. So the above is one lesson that I have learned since I came to Texas. I will tell you of another lesson that I have learned. Two other hands and myself were ordered to go out and get a load of wood. We harnessed a pair of mules and started. The distance hat we had to go was about two miles. We had three fine Fox hounds with us and had gone about 1 h miles, when the dogs traced -omething under a rock. We hitched our team to some scrubby bushes that were standing near by and climed down the steep bluff until we reached the dogs. We began punching under the took, some one exclaimed, it is a fox. I was anxious to get it out without wounding it, in order to have a chase. While one of the party were punching under the rock opposite me I saw something move under the rock. I dropped down on my knees and reaching down can bt it by the kind foot and there was a sharp scent flashed out from the hole. noticed the boys run back. I held on to his foot until I dragged him out. I soon found that there was too much calogue about for a fox. The offensive oder rose fast and strong from a huge Poli Cat and you know the result and the burden that my nose had to bear,

day; if I do, all I will have to do to call it to memory will be to pick up some garment that I had on at the time of pulling out the thought-to-

On Feb. 28th we had a large fire out here. The Praries were all in a blaze. It burned over about five or six thousand acres of pasture. I was called to fight the fire ond what kind of a weapon do you think the people gave me to fight with? A piece of a legging. I went on with the party carrying my piece of leath. er legging, not knowing what to do with it. I kept looking for the boys at their service, and doing so pledgto put on their leggings but they es itself here and now that it will kept going carrying them in never bereatter give its voice or vote their hands. At last we reached to help nominate or elect to office

hard work we got it extinguished. We would have to wait until it burned to the short grass and then we could manage it.

Dear readers you can't imagine how savage the people are here, they don't regard Sunday but very little better than any other day. I am told that there are people here who plow on Sunday, Hunting and fishing are all carried on during the Sabbath. Driving cattle is the Sunday School the people have Fiddling and dancing is also a Sabbath School. Christians of N. C., here is the place to send your missionary preachers. This is a few sketches of a weeks experience of mo Texas life. Yours truly, C. S. LYNCH.

The Watson Bill Killed-3 Danger Ahead.

The lobby was too much for the upper branch of the Legislature. After the House had passed by a handsome majority the bill of Mr. Watson, of Forsyth, to put a curb on the eigarette trust, it was killed in the Senate in the closing hour of that body Monday morning. We impute no bad motives to the Senate; it permitted itself to be frightened out of its wits and away from the ducharge of its duties to the people-that is all. The American Tobacco Company is understood to have had its agents on the ground; timid warehousemen were there and with them were timid manufacturers. and timid leaf dealers, and the Senate was induced to believe what the House could neither be bullied nor fooled into believing, viz.: that if the State of North Carolina dared to interpose between its citizens and this iniquitous trust, something dreadful would happen to the people. The Senators took counsel of their fears and dropped the reins on the neck of the trust. It has license to pillage the tobacco growers of the State for another two years und less Congress shall in the meantime lay its band upon it.

It is agreed that North Carolina alone is not strong enough to fight the aggregation of capital and the embodiment of greed known as the American Tobacco Company. Yet North Carelina and Virginia produce the cutters cut of which this company makes its money and the bring it to its knees. To doubt teat the Virginia Legislature would follow the lead of North Carolina in steps taken here to support this trust, would be to doubt both its courage and its patriotism. Does it oppress Virginia less than North Carolina 7 Not a particle less. Does it oppress either or both States? Who doubts it? Whe denies it? And it is certain that its appetite will not fail nor its power to rob the people be lessened by its being left alone and allowed to run its own free course. We talk of Congress interfering, and God grant it may but we forget that

Who would be free himself must strike

The place for this fight for a free market and an open field to begin is in the States. Mr. Watson and the House began it bravely and we do not intend to donot that the principle embodied in this bill which met its death in the Senate Monday morning will ultimately triamph. It must triumph or this anacoeda will embrace the whole tobacco interest of the country is its folds. The trust now has a monopoly of the cutter market. Since it got it it has reduced the price of cutters 15, 25, 30, 40 per cent. Now it is reaching for the plug factories of the country. It already has one great factory in Louisville. Let it get a few of the largest of those in Richmond, Lynchburg, Danville and Winston, and it will have everything its own way. The remainder of the larger factories will be ab-I will never forget that eventful sorbed, the smaller ones crushed out and what has happened to cutters will happen to all other grades of tobacco; competition destroyed, the trust will put its own price upon lugs, fillers, wrappers and the rest, and the profits opon the best pay-

ing grop we now have will be gone. We write earnestly about this matter because we feel deeply. A serious nanger menaces one of the greatest interests of the State and we want the people to know it. Warning them of it, admonishing them to bestir themselves to avert it, The Landmark places its sword the fire and the boys took their any man who holds connection with leggings and began to trail the fire. any trust, whether it be tobacco

I followed and after about five hours trust or what not. A plague upon the whole broad of them! They are robbing honest toil of its legitimate rewards and building up an aristoc racy of wealth upon their pelf and plunder,-Statesville Landmark.

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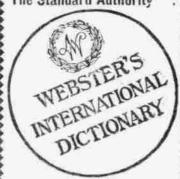


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