

Quitting the Capital—A Change for the Better—The Death of News—A Marriage in the Hall of Representatives—Hon. T. L. Clingan, of Washington—The Triumph of the President—No Business in Congress—The Holidays, &c., &c.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 9th. THINGS AT THE CAPITOL. The adjournment of both branches of congress over from Wednesday last until the coming Monday, had the effect to lessen considerably the spontaneous life and bustle which its meeting occasioned.

There is a great dearth of news, the various reports from the different departments which accompanied the great message, having thoroughly used up what items of public importance was on hand.

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FROM ALABAMA. The Constitutional Amendment—A Protest—How Freedom May Testify. NEW ORLEANS, Dec. 6. The Alabama legislature has passed the constitutional amendment abolishing slavery, but entered a proviso against a radical interpretation of the same.

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the assassination of Mr. Lincoln, has given bonds at Montgomery to appear when called for.

Virginia Legislature.

RICHMOND, Dec. 8. The legislature amended the state constitution so as to render eligible to office persons excluded by the third article.

MARINE INTELLIGENCE.

PORT OF WILMINGTON, N. C.—DEC. 12. ARRIVED. Steamer A P Hurt, Skinner, from Fayetteville, to North & Daniel.

COMMERCIAL.

New York Market. (By Mail.) NEW YORK, Dec. 8. BEEHIVE. The market for State and Western flour is dull, heavy and a little easier.

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

CHRISTMAS TOYS AND GIFTS.—The evidences of the good times we are all to have this Christmas, are growing more and more with every day.

SUSPECTED THEFT.—Last night, about eight o'clock, some unknown person was discovered in a boat with a bale of cotton attached and in tow, paddling down the river opposite Mr. H. M. Barry's wharf.

CAMILLE.—We would again call the attention of the public to the announcement which has been made of the complimentary benefit of Miss Ida Vernon, at the theatre to-night.

RATHER FAST.—An amusing incident occurred at the court house yesterday, on the occasion of empanelling the grand jury.

IN SESSION.—The general court martial which was convened at its place last week, by order of Major General Ruger, is now in regular session here, and will sit steadily until all business has been disposed of.

ADDITIONAL APPOINTMENTS.—The county court yesterday made the following additional appointments to the corps of inspectors previously appointed for this county:

COUNTY COURT.—The regular December term of the county court for New Hanover county met in session yesterday morning, in this city, James Shackelford, esq., the chairman, presiding.

WILMINGTON, N. C., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 12, 1865.

Charlotte and Rutherford Railroad company and amend the charter, passed yesterday.

SLIGHTLY DRUNK.—Quite a small excitement was raised yesterday afternoon on Market street, by the agility displayed by a drunken sailor, who was apparently either trying to walk on both sides of the street at the same time, or else imagined himself in a heavy storm at sea, with his ship rolling and pitching at a terrible rate.

REMOVAL.—The offices of Major Wickersham, superintendent, and Major Mann, assistant financial agent of the freedmen's bureau, have been removed from the corner of Front and Chestnut streets to the library rooms at the City Hall.

NEW ARRIVAL.—The steamer Cumbrina, Capt. Linwood, arrived here yesterday from Savannah. She is consigned to Messrs. O. G. Parsley & Co., and is chartered by them.

Hotel Arrival. CITY HOTEL. W. L. G. Andrews, Wilmington, N. C.

BY TELEGRAPH. CONGRESS.

The Freedmen Want Suffrage. THE MEXICAN QUESTION. Appointment of Committees.

Southern Members Not Allowed on the Floor During the Discussion of their Admission. General Grant at Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 11. In the senate, Mr. Wilson presented a petition from the colored people of the district of Columbia, asking the right of suffrage.

Mr. Morgan presented a petition from New York merchants asking the restoration of certain rights of the coast of Florida. Bills were presented for confirming land settlers in their right to land granted by General Slocum to men on the Sea Islands last winter.

A committee was appointed to act with the house committee on the subject of the death of Mr. Lincoln. In the house the principal business transacted was the appointment of committees.

BY MAIL. NORTH CAROLINA LEGISLATURE. Saturday's Proceedings. [REPORTED EXPRESSLY FOR THE DAILY WILMINGTON HERALD.] RALEIGH, Dec. 9. The house met according to adjournment and after the reading of the journal, &c., proceeded to the dispatch of business.

message to reconstruction, and says it is of the utmost importance that the people of Virginia give cheerful support to the federal government in the payment of all taxes assessed for paying the national debt.

THE TREASURY REPORT. We present below a synopsis of the most important statements of fact and opinion, including the three topics of currency, public debt, and revenue, and pursuing the order in which they are treated by Mr. McCulloch.

The amount which the secretary estimates as necessary to be retired in order to bring the currency within proper limits is from one hundred to two hundred millions, in addition to the compound notes, the amount of which, later, Oct. 1st, was \$17,012,411.

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It is clear that no action of this body can change the legal effect of this amendment, or enlarge or restrict the powers of congress conferred either by the first or second section thereof.

Estimated expenditures for the same period are \$484,859,462 5/8, of which the war department, for payment of troops and closing up existing balances, wants \$307,788,750 57, and interest on the public debt, \$96,818,868 75.

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to the southern states, the secretary recommends that the collection of taxes accruing before the establishment therein of revenue offices be indefinitely postponed; that sales of property for direct taxes be postponed till the states have an opportunity of assuming those taxes, as the legal state did; that all transactions invalid for want of stamps be legalized so far as lies in the power of congress.

NEWS FROM HAVANA. The Closing Scenes in the Haytian Revolution—Execution of the Rebel Chief—The Cholera in Guadeloupe and Martinique—Affairs in Havana, &c., &c.

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