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RALEIGH: SATURDAY, JUNE 8, 1861.

Latest News.

A battle is reported to have taken place at Phillips, Barbour County, Va., between 1,500 of Va. troops and 3,000 of Lincoln's men, from Ohio, Indiana and Virginia, in which it is said that Colonel Kelly, of Va., a traitor to the South, was killed, and 15 of the Southern forces.

The rumor that Martinsburg, Va., was invested by Lincoln troops, is also denied.

Troops are concentrating at Harper's Ferry, also at Manassas Gap and other points. Gen. Beauregard commands at Manassas.

Butler is strengthening his position at Newport News, by strong batteries.

Two hundred negroes from the people of the peninsula, and has them hard at work making embankments.

The bombardment at Aquia Creek was entirely in our favor. A steamer on Tuesday attacked our battery at Pig's Point, at the mouth of Nansemond river, Va., and got the worst end.

The papers announce the death of Hon. Stephen A. Douglas, at Chicago, on Monday last.

The Convention—Thursday.

The Convention was in session most of the day on Thursday, consequently our reporter was not able to prepare his report for that day.

Movements of Troops.

We are glad to see that the whole South is in motion. We learn that several thousand Southern troops have passed through Goldsboro' within a few days.

In the meantime, the North-Carolina volunteers are rapidly congregating at the different rendezvous.

On Wednesday the City appeared to be alive with them. Some four companies arrived on that day. We could learn the names of but two; the Rough and Ready Boys, Capt. Jones, from Caldwell, 115 strong—the McDowell Rifles, Capt. Neill from McDowell, 75 men, a company from Macon County, and a portion of another.

The Mountain Boys, Capt. Corbett, and Ellis Guards, Capt. Love, both from Cleveland, and the Chatham Rifles, Capt. Thrive, from Chatham, left in fine spirits, on Friday morning, for the camp at Garysburg.

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RALEIGH, N. C., WEDNESDAY, JUNE 12, 1861.

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Military Appointments.

The appointments to military positions in this State, seem to be attracting some notice from the press. In private circles, the subject is no doubt one which claims its share of consideration.

Of the merits of the appointments we have no disposition to express an opinion, if unfavorable, unless forced to do so, nor will we without great provocation allude unkindly to the motives which have influenced or determined many of them.

All things considered, we doubt if any one can justly complain of the appointment of Gen. Holmes to the command of the coast defences, or of Col. Hill to the Camp of Instruction, of Col. Bradford, of Assistant Adjutant General Riddick, of Major Ransom or others of the late U. S. Army.

Now our cotemporary, the Charlotte Democrat, admits that "all parties in the State are united in maintaining her honor and independence—those who were formerly Union men are doing as much as any others for the Southern cause—and no particular preference should be given."

Well, we think it cannot be denied, that since the election of Abraham Lincoln, there have been but two parties in the State, the conservatives and the precipitators, or the Union men and the Secessionists.

These are all the appointments that we know of in the "highest positions," which have been made from civilians. If the Democrat can find the half of a late Union man among them, it has the power of discerning spirits quite beyond our reach.

South-Carolina Troops.

The seventh Regiment of Riflemen, of Edgefield District, S. C., commanded by Col. Bacon, arrived here in the Western train on Thursday evening and proceeded to Virginia by the Raleigh and Gaston Railroad.

North-Carolina Abroad.

Col. John Louis Taylor Sneed, a native of this State, but for some years a resident of Tennessee, has been appointed a Brigadier-General by Gov. Harris of that State.

The Convention—Coast Defences.

We confess we have felt for some time an intense anxiety about the condition of our Coast defences, and have been convinced of the great importance of giving entire security to our fellow-citizens in that portion of the State.

Hence we introduced our resolutions of inquiry in Convention, as the least likely to do harm or offend, and with the same feelings we hailed the introduction of the ordinance of Mr. Smith of Halifax, to raise regiments and place them in positions to fly at once to the assistance of the entire seaboard at a moment's warning.

How any man in the State with two eyes, not wholly subordinated to the control of mere partyism, could oppose so necessary and patriotic a measure, fills us with astonishment.

And first, the Journal charges that the ordinance was designed for the exclusive defence of Eastern North-Carolina. This the ordinance itself shows to be untrue.

Our Correspondence.

We give some extracts from the letters of a few of our correspondents received by the late mail.

A business letter from a friend at Eagle Rock, in this county, dated June 3, contains the following: "You will get more subscribers soon."

RETURNING ARMS.—Last week we published the order or request of the Adjutant General for the collection of all State arms by the Sheriffs and forward them to Raleigh.

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Southern Congress.

It will be seen by the Convention Proceedings, that there has been some discussion about appointing members to the Southern Congress. In order to avoid any complaints about the matter, the Convention might order an election by the people; but that would no doubt create a party contest, which ought by all means, to be avoided at this time.

As the State will be entitled to ten Representatives, how would it do for the people to elect one from each Congressional District, and the Convention two from the State at large.—Char. Democrat.

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Mob Law.

In common with every lover of law and order, we most heartily condemn and deprecate every exhibition of the mob spirit any where, and especially in North-Carolina. The South is fighting now to check and put down and cut herself off from this very spirit, strangely as it may sound.

Without referring to this case, however, we must be permitted to remark in general that while there is no apology for the exercise of mob law in any well governed community or State, there is sometimes on the part of administrators of the law, either a laxity or a rigidity in its enforcement, which ought to be avoided, to prevent the seeming but flimsy justification of its exercise.

It is melancholy affair! We cannot doubt, from what we learn, that the negro was guilty and deserved hanging; but it would have been far better for the community to let one guilty culprit go unpunished, than to prostrate law and order, give rein to licentiousness, and jeopard the peace and harmony of the whole community.

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Third N. C. Regiment. The following are the Officers and Companies composing the third N. C. Regiment now at Suffolk, Virginia: Colonel—W. D. Pender. Lieut. Colonel—W. S. Guy. Major—D. H. Hamilton. Reg. Quar. Master—David Pender. Reg. Commissary—Thos. Cain.

- COMPANIES. 1. Yanceyville Grays, Capt. Graves. 2. Randleburg Rifles, Capt. Erwin. 3. Milton Blues, Capt. Mitchell. 4. Leasburg Grays, Capt. Hambrick. 5. Alamance Regulators, Capt. Ruffin. 6. Davis Grays, Capt. Clement. 7. Edgecombe Rifles, Capt. Hyman. 8. Rockingham Guards, Capt. Scales. 9. Rockingham Rangers, Capt. Settles. 10. Dixie Boys, Capt. Bailey.

Fourth N. C. Regiment. The following are the officers and companies of the 4th N. C. Regiment, now at Garysburg, but ordered to Suffolk in a few days: Colonel—Junius Daniel; Lieut. Colonel—Geo. P. Lovejoy; Major—Paul P. Faison.

- COMPANIES. 1. Roanoke Minute Men, Capt. Johnston; 2. Thomasville Rifles, Capt. Miller; 3. Anson Guards, Capt. Smith; 4. Cleveland Blues, Capt. Dixie; 5. Oak City Guards, Capt. Faribault; 6. Rough and Ready Guards, Capt. Vance; 7. Reid Guards, Capt. Slade; 8. Stanley Marksmen, Capt. Anderson; 9. Lexington Wild Cats, Capt. Hargrove; 10. Raleigh Rifles, Capt. Harrison.

It was understood during the session of the Legislature here last winter, that if the services of this able officer were desired in his native State, to aid in the re-organization of our militia system, they could be obtained. Many of his friends were anxious that he should be elected Adjutant General, believing that his eminent qualifications for that post, in the event of the secession of the State and war, would make his services invaluable.

We are gratified at being able to state upon good authority, that Capt. Bryan has resigned his position in the corps of U. S. Topographical Engineers, and we hope to hear soon that the South is reaping the benefit of his valuable services, in the great struggle for Southern freedom and independence. Capt. Bryan is now in Missouri, where his family resides, having married a lady of that State. We feel sure that his native State desires and demands his services, and we hope to hear soon that he has again tendered them to her, or has identified himself with the patriotic men of Missouri in an uprising against the high-handed and wicked purposes of Abraham Lincoln.

JOSHUA TURNER, JR.—In a characteristic letter from Mr. Turner, of Orange, in the last Hillsboro' Recorder, written from Fort Macon, occurs the following conclusion: "If evil shall befall the South in the fearful struggle which is now going on, I trust I shall have as little in common with the enemy as any 'original seceder.' If they will only shoulder arms and put themselves in the ranks, I will forgive the abuse they have so liberally heaped upon the old Union men and myself; and I promise them that the public will have a better opinion of their candor and patriotism, and no worse opinion of their courage."

OXFORD FEMALE COLLEGE.—The commencement at this Institution came off last week. It was a pleasant time. Five young ladies were graduated. The address was delivered by Prof. Royall, and the sermon by Rev. J. L. Pritchard. See advertisement in to-day's paper.

RALEY, RALEY.—Capt. Hiram Westershop has determined to raise another volunteer company for the war, and expects to join Col. Fisher's regiment. He desires all who wish to join him to report themselves to him in person or by letter forthwith at Cedar Fork, in this County.

FIRST N. C. REGIMENT. We find the following letter from this regiment in the Charlotte Democrat: YORKTOWN, VA., May 27. We had scarcely got ready to rest at our camp near Richmond, before we received orders to move to this place. And I am sorry to say that we lost one of our best soldiers on the way here. Julius Sadler fell from the cars a short time after leaving Richmond, and was instantly killed. It is supposed that he was asleep and precipitated from the platform car. The Regiment arrived at this point before hearing of his melancholy fate. The news was received here on Sunday morning and spread a gloom over our gallant band. At 10 o'clock, our Chaplain, Rev. Edwin A. Yates, preached an impressive discourse to his brother soldiers (I say brother soldiers because he is taking an active part in the duties of the camp and intends to fight as well as pray.) Many of our men were affected to tears at the allusions to the death of poor Sadler. Col. Hill assisted in the services. He is a praying man, and has the confidence and respect of every man in the Regiment. All are determined to stand by him to the last man—he leads none of us we will hesitate to follow. Lt. Col. Lee and Major Lane are also good officers and much beloved. In fact the men appear pleased with all their officers.

The Lincoln company and the Fayetteville companies have no superiors anywhere. In the latter, are two editors—Peter M. and Edward J. Hale, Jr., of Fayetteville—and a number of lawyers and doctors. I don't want to be guilty of self-praise, but I must say that our Regiment "can't be best" either in appearance or on the battle-field.

For the Standard. From all my labors, they work unwearying today. 'Tis the birth of independence! the twentieth of May; Unchain the mind from study, thy hand from soil and sea; Implore His blessings, and thank thy God for Liberty!

In Carolina first of all, the Babe of Independence woke, In Mecklenburg, O! hallowed spot, the Child of Freedom spoke. And said to all the world, we are, and shall be free, Our birthright bought with blood, the price of liberty.

Our Independence gained to-day, by force cannot be blighted, And Nations proud to honor us, America's States united! A Constitution formed and signed, intended to secure, Domestic peace to freedom's sons, and ever to endure.

This Constitution failed to live, the age to man allotted, Before we see its every page, with vile perversion blotting; Since men have ceased the noble deeds of patriots to regard, A broken, tottering Union is, their just and due reward.

Again, in Carolina, 'tis accents clear and loud, Proclaimed the Sons of Freedom, and Independence proud, Which brought her Southern Sisters, with valor to her side, Determined to defend her cause, all hazards to abide.

And now we see a noble band of Southern sisters free, Received a common fate to share, a glorious liberty Enjoy—with open hearts they bid, in virtue, Their absent loved ones to unite.

Assembled at our Capitol, in the Hall of State, Carolina's noble sons resolved to separate, From a government polluted, all claims to honor lost, With "ship of State" above on fanaticism's coast.

The second birth of freedom, we celebrate to-day On this long to be remembered, the twentieth of May. This day let every patriot throughout the old North, South, To the cause of Independence and freedom communitate.

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