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The Proposed Convention of Bankers.

The great problem of this war is the financial one. The oldest and best banker, and the ablest financier in Virginia—

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Gen. Joseph E. Johnston. As this distinguished officer is now in command at Harper's Ferry, a brief sketch of his career will be interesting to the public.

Gen. Johnston lived at Longwood, Farmville, until, late in life, he received the appointment of Judge, and moved his residence to Abingdon, within his new judicial district.

This appointment was made by the Legislature, and was given partly in consideration of Judge Johnston's real and ability as a State-right man, exhibited in the controversy of 1798-99, when he represented Prince Edward county in the Legislature of the State.

Peter Johnston and his Revolutionary commander, the celebrated Lee, cherished a cordial regard for each other throughout their lives, and the careers of their respective sons, Gen. Robert E. Lee and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, have been, like those of their fathers, very much identified.

Lieut. Johnston saw his first service in the Seminole war, where much toil and danger had to be encountered, and little distinction could be won.

After the war he resumed his place in the South for exportation to Europe and to the North are not short of four hundred millions of dollars, of which two hundred and seventy or three hundred millions are articles in such demand abroad as to be always equivalent to gold and silver.

Here is a basis of cash values which certainly ought to sustain any system of finance which the emergency of the war may call into requisition; and the problem for the convention of bankers is, so to utilize these values as to render them available for the purpose of the war.

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The Hampton Courier. We observe that the Norfolk papers, as well as our own and Petersburg, were imposed upon by the same report which was telegraphed to us by the Associated Press on Monday night.

We respectfully submit that a correspondent who makes a statement upon such authority, and in the midst of a community where the belief of it was universal, does not deserve unqualified condemnation.

We may add that the telegraphic dispatches are rarely sent by the gentlemen having charge of the editorial department proper, and, in this instance, they did not see them till, with the rest of the community, they saw them in the paper.

Extremes Meeting. The universal suffrage of the North has built up a military despotism at Washington, and made Lincoln, like Louis Napoleon, Emperor "by the will of the people."

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LOCAL MATTERS. A Negro, named John, slave of Saml. Hastings, was carried before the Mayor yesterday, having been paraded by the police as a runaway slave.

A child was run over by a wagon, on 17th street, yesterday evening, and very seriously injured. It was taken into the apothecary store of Mr. John W. Haynes, and kept there for several days.

The absence of an abundant supply of fuel, not yet been in a serious inconvenience to our citizens. A rumor prevailed a few days since that several cargoes of the article had been captured at Aquia Creek, and would be landed for use as a legitimate prize.

The ladies, ever foremost in good works, are indulging in a course of benevolence, by attending on the sick and suffering at the Soldiers' Hospital, in all the Northern States.

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MARRIED. On the 18th inst., at the residence of the bride, by Rev. J. A. Durbin, Wm. B. ROY and Miss ELIZA A. GODDIN, all of this city.

DIED. On the 26th of May, after four days' illness, EDWIN, son of Wm. B. and Lucy O'Connor, aged 2 months and 4 days.

NOTICE TO THE SOLDIERS. The ladies of the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, for the purpose of raising a fund for the purchase of clothing for the soldiers, are soliciting contributions.

PROTECTING THE CITY. All Free Men of Color, who will willingly volunteer their services, will be required to wear a uniform of the Zouave cap, worn for convenience in fighting.

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