

LATEST ARMY NEWS

NEGOTIATION ABOUT BLAIR'S VISIT TO KIRBY SMITH AND MAXIMILLIAN.

RICHMOND, Feb. 2. - The New York Herald of the 30th contains not a word about the appointment of peace commissioners by Lincoln...

The writer asserts that Blair's mission was not a failure, and predicts that Commissioners from Richmond would soon be enroute to Washington.

Great sensation was produced in New York on Sunday by the reported fall of Charleston, and the perfection of arrangements between Lincoln and Davis for the immediate attainment of peace.

The St. Louis correspondent of the Herald, "Grauby" reports Kirby Smith negotiating with Maximilian for the transfer of his troops to Mexico.

GEN. LEE'S NOMINATION CONFIRMED - THOMAS' ARMY GOING TO VIRGINIA - GEN. LEE'S CALL.

RICHMOND, Feb. 1. - Gen. Lee's nomination as General-in-Chief was confirmed yesterday in the Senate.

Reports from the Valley represent troops from Thomas' army passing over the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad.

The deputation from the North Carolina Legislature arrived here yesterday. They had an interview last night with the Congressional delegation from that State.

General Lee issued an appeal for the surrender of all cavalry equipments in private hands. He says prompt compliance with this call will greatly promote the efficiency and strength of the army particularly the cavalry.

MEXICAN AFFAIRS - EUROPEAN SOUTHERN ABOLITIONISTS.

RICHMOND, Feb. 2. - European advices of the 18th have been received.

Rumors prevailed at Paris, confirmatory of a report heretofore published that Maximilian had ceded to Louis Napoleon five Mexican States. The Paris report states that Marshall Bazaine had received orders from the French Emperor to seize and hold Sonora as an indemnity for the expenses incurred by the French Government in placing Maximilian on the throne.

The London Times says that none of the European powers would guarantee the independence of the South as proposed even with the agreement to abolish slavery.

DEPLORABLE CONDITION OF KENTUCKY. - A recent issue of the Louisville Journal says: The condition of our State is now an object of much solicitude. Society is fearfully disorganized, and we no longer appeal to the statutes for the redress of a wrong. Lawless bands roam at will, and the peaceable citizen is hunted down with the greatest eagerness, and robbed and murdered in the coolest manner possible. The desperadoes bid defiance to all authority, and they mock at all attempts to bring them into subjection. A ruthless warfare is waged. The knife is red with the blood of innocent victims, and the fire brand of the bold incendiary is applied with feelings of exultation, and the blackened ruins of many homes attest how well the work is and has been done. Trade is destroyed. But few signs of prosperity are to be seen in many portions of the State. The inland towns are no longer full of the bustle of business. Stores are closed, and an air of desolation reigns on every side. Men are forced to flee for their lives, and whole families are abandoning pleasant homes and moving to other States. The outlaws are preying upon her vitals, and if a remedy is not soon applied the disease will become hopeless.

A FACETIOUS EDITOR.

The Charlottesville Chronicle acknowledges a present of a "nice piece of venison," and there-upon remarks: These are the brightest spots of an editor's life. We intend to give a squib off of that venison, and propose to make up a party of ten others (a round dozen in all) each of whom shall send some trifle suitable for the occasion. Let's see - one may bring a piece of mutton, another a turkey, a third some celery and pickles, a fourth a ham of bacon, a fifth a basket of eggs and some apples, a sixth some apple brandy, etc. We propose to furnish some hot water and read one of our editorials.

FALL OF SPECIE. - Silver bullion, warranted pure, sold at auction, in Raleigh, on Thursday, at \$15.50 per ounce, which is only \$15.50 per dollar. Gold coin sold at 94 1/2 at auction. Let other things tumble in proportion.

YANKEE NEWS.

RICHMOND, February 4. - We have received Northern papers of the 21st ult.

Mr. Foster arrived in Sheridan's lines on the 29th ult. Declining to take the oath of allegiance he will be sent to Washington under arrest.

The Philadelphia "Inquirer" says Senator Wade, in his denunciation of the Blair mission, is endorsed by nearly every Republican delegation in both Houses of Congress.

Gen. Geary has been relieved of the military Governorship of Savannah, and is succeeded by Major General Grover. Three steamers, with supplies, had arrived at Savannah.

In the House of Representatives, a Resolution thanking President Lincoln for the removal of Butler was laid on the table, by a vote of 97 to 43.

The New York Tribune, in double-headed type, mentions a report that a secret league of the Roman, Catholic Powers - France, Spain and Austria, - under the guidance and with the express concurrence of the Pope, has been formed, pledged to recognize the Southern Confederacy on or immediately after the 4th of March next, under the pretext that the Union will thereafter consist of those States only which participated in the late Presidential election.

Gold is quoted at 211.

RICHMOND, February 5. - The Baltimore "American" of the 31st ult., asserts positively that Lincoln authorized Blair to communicate his willingness to give a hearing to any person of influence who might come from the States in rebellion, with or without Davis' authority to treat for peace upon the basis of submission to the Union.

LATER. - The New York "Herald" of the 2d instant has been received.

A special Washington dispatch says: We have a surfeit of peace rumors to day, and it is exceedingly difficult out of the mass of contradictory statements to arrive at the truth.

The facts appear to be that a delegation from Richmond was admitted within the lines yesterday, and to day started down James River on an armed transport. They were stopped at Fortress Monroe, and Seward started for Annapolis at noon to meet them there. There is reason to believe they will not come to Washington at present, but any negotiations or conference in regard to the settlement of difficulties will be conducted at Fortress Monroe by Seward on behalf of the Government. The whole affair appears to be involved in a good deal of mystery.

The Baltimore "American" of the 1st inst., has also been received.

A correspondent of the "American" announces the arrival there this morning of Seward, accompanied by his Private Secretary, who immediately left for Fortress Monroe on Grant's dispatch steamer to meet the rebel commissioners.

The House adopted the Senate's resolution for an amendment of the Constitution abolishing slavery within the United States. Salutes in honor of the event were fired in various cities, on the 1st. The Maryland House of Delegates has concurred in the amendment.

Two disastrous fires occurred in Savannah on the 27th and 28th ult., destroying a large number of buildings. By the second fire ten blocks had been shipped North and a crowd of other vessels were being loaded with it.

Grant has recently been at Fort Fisher. He returned to Fortress Monroe Monday.

An order has been issued by the military authorities of Missouri for the banishment from that State of the wives and children of men in Confederate military service.

The House passed a Bill providing for the construction of a ship canal around the Falls of Niagara.

Gold closed in New York on the 1st at 204.

Sherman's Movements.

The Charleston Courier of Monday says: The various and contradictory reports in circulation Saturday and Sunday caused considerable excitement and uneasiness in our community. The present position of affairs is certainly one of intense interest and anxiety, and we shall endeavor to keep the public as fully informed as the circumstances will admit.

Our citizens may rest assured that any news of importance reaching headquarters prudent to communicate, will not be withheld. This will enable us in great measure to stop most of the false and absurd rumors daily set afloat.

On Friday afternoon he enemy crossed the the Salkehatchie between Loxton's and River's Bridges, also above the River Bridge, completely outflanking our forces and compelling them to retire upon Branchville.

A sharp fight, lasting several hours, took place at River's Bridge. General WHEELER kept the enemy in check and made considerable havoc among them in the fight. We have no details or particulars of the respective losses on either side, but that of the enemy is known to have been heavy.

Our troops fell back to the second line of de-

fenses. The enemy, at last accounts, (Sunday evening) had not crossed River's Bridge.

The reports that the 17th Army Corps were at Barnwell-Court House Sunday with a large force of cavalry, was contradicted in military circles last evening. The general impression, however, was that they would make an effort to gain the road sometime during the night. Up to a late hour the wires were working through to Augusta, and communication remained unbroken.

Heavy cannonading was reported by passengers to have been heard all day in the direction of Bamberg. A number of prisoners were brought in Saturday and Sunday. They report that Sherman would make an attempt to cut the road at Midway.

Passengers to Augusta report that Sherman was advancing on Branchville in two columns, with about 40,000 men.

One transport and four of the enemy's barges landed a number of troops on Little Britain, and about 200 men at Secret Post. About half past two o'clock p. m., they advanced to King's Creek, and after skirmishing a short time, retired. Our picket line was re-established.

WILMINGTON NOT TO BE ATTACKED. - Speaking of the fall of Fort Fisher, the New York Herald says:

Wilmington it is not proposed to take; it is of no importance whatever, and we do not want it any more than we do any other one, of the hundreds of small towns scattered at unimportant points throughout the Southern States. Our forces have only to prosecute the operations thus brilliantly begun so far as to gain possession of the other forts at the mouth of the river. This will be a work of far less difficulty than the capture of Fort Fisher; and this once done, the port will be closed definitely, and the large naval force hitherto necessary to blockade it will be set at liberty.

TRIBUTE OF RESPECT.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 3, 1865.

AT A MEETING OF COUNCIL, HELD THIS evening, the following preamble and resolutions were offered and unanimously adopted:

Preamble, In the mysterious providence of an All-wise God we are called upon to mourn the death of an estimable and most useful member of the Town Council - the late N. D. BAXLEY Esq. Elected a Warden for the fourth time in succession, last April: this in itself is sufficient evidence of the respect in which he was held, and the confidence reposed in him by his fellow citizens. He was a faithful and zealous officer, ever at his post, and anxious to promote the interest of the community. We deeply deplore the loss we have sustained, and mourn the removal of one with whom he have spent around our Council Board, many pleasant hours. We can ill spare the loss of such men, and especially at a time like the present, when but few are left to fill the places made vacant, by the death of so many of our most prominent citizens. Cut off in the prime of life, and in the midst of his usefulness, such visitations are to us inscrutable, but we humbly bow to the decree of Him who doth all things well. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of N. D. Baxley, we mourn the loss of a highly esteemed and most useful Warden of the Town.

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family our sincere and heartfelt sympathy in the great affliction which has befallen them.

Resolved, That a page on our record book be dedicated to his memory.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be furnished to his family, and published in the Camden Journal and Confederate.

J. DUNLAP, Intendant.

OBITUARY

DIED, of diphtheria, November 17, 1864, EUGENE AUGUSTUS, second son of William T. and Dora S. McFeat, aged six years.

Eugene was a bright little boy, remarkably gentle and affectionate. He loved the Sunday school, endeared himself to his teacher and his pastor by his admirable deportment, and was the pride of his father and the joy of his mother's heart. Eugene and his elder brother, Willy, were like twins, devoted to each other and inseparable companions. His death - which broke Willy's heart. When it was evident that Eugene would die, Willy expressed a passionate desire to descend with him to the grave, saying to his mother: "Mamma, I would be willing to be shot, to die before my brother. I can't bear to be left alone." Lovely boys! May they meet in the beautiful world!

With the summer birds fitting, our darling has left us winging his flight to a happier land;

With the fading of flowers, cold Death has bereft us of the one that was gayest in our bright, happy band.

We shall never more see him - our Genie - our darling - In the sweet morn of childhood he has gone, to his rest;

But above - when the Saviour shall open unto us - We shall see him and know him in the land of the blest.

W. T. C.

Special Notices

BRANCH BANK STATE SO. GA. CAMDEN, February 1, 1865.

AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS of this Bank, held this day, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted:

When we last were assembled here, but a week since, we mourned the recent death of our associate officer, the Cashier of this Bank, and stood appalled at the reflection that within thirteen months, four of our companions in this Bank had been taken to their graves. To-day, a newly opened grave awaits the cold form of yet another, prized associate, whose death, in so brief a period, in so small a circle, should incite us to discharge earnestly the duties of life, and to be ready for the changes which await us all.

JESSE S. NETTLES, late Discount Clerk of this Bank, has been in office for nearly thirty years, during all this time, not only have his duties been fully, accurately and satisfactorily discharged; but in all his intercourse with the members of this Board, he has ever impressed them deeply by the sterling worth of his character, as well as by his genial, and amiable disposition. Time had silvered his hair and bowed his form, but had failed to impair his faculties or break his spirits. He died, as he had lived; cheerfully, and bowed to the decree which called him hence, with a beautiful and touching faith.

We desire to record our appreciation of his life, and our sorrow at his death. Therefore be it

Resolved, That in the death of Jesse S. Nettles, for so many years an officer of this Bank, the Board of Directors mourn the loss of one which had been unvaryingly of the most agreeable nature, and add our testimony to that of all who knew him; that as a man, he was honest, true, brave and generous; as an officer, devoted and efficient.

Resolved, That we tender to his bereaved family our sincere sympathy in their grievous affliction.

Resolved, That a page of our minutes be dedicated to his memory, and that we wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days.

Resolved, That a copy of these proceedings be furnished to his family, and published in "THE CAMDEN JOURNAL and CONFEDERATE."

W. M. SHANNON, Presdt.

MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE.

THE SUBSCRIBER HAVING ACCEPTED THE Agency of the MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY of Raleigh, North Carolina, for CAMDEN AND VICINITY, is prepared to receive applications for policies of LIFE INSURANCE, on the most reasonable terms. The Lives of SLAVES insured at moderate rates.

W. L. DePass, Agent.

April 18

ALABAMA

Fire Insurance COMPANY.

THE UNDERSIGNED, AS AGENT FOR THE above Southern Insurance Company, is prepared to issue policies of Insurance against loss by Fire on all buildings &c.

W. L. DePass.

April 12

KINGVILLE HOTEL.

THE SUBSCRIBERS BEG LEAVE TO INFORM the travelling public that they have leased and re-opened the KINGVILLE HOTEL, at the Junction of the South Carolina and Wilmington & Manchester Railroads; and that henceforth passengers on those roads may expect a GOOD MEAL at their Houses.

The subscribers are aware that, under its former management, the KINGVILLE HOTEL was allowed to suffer in reputation; but they have determined that, under their directorship, it shall be kept up to the standard of a FIRST CLASS EATING HOUSE, and they therefore, solicit the patronage of the travelling public.

BATES & MILLEN.

May 11

JUST RECEIVED

FINE DRESSING COMBS, POCKET DO, Pearl Agate Buttons, Shoe Knives, Black Flax Thread, Fine Tooth Combs, Knitting Needles, Steel Pens, Pen Holders, 20 boxes Tobacco, Fine Flour, 80 great gross Bone Buttons, Metal Buttons, 40 doz. Children's Stockings, Tacks, 40 " " Socks, Red Thread, Lady Pens, Sweet Potatoes, English Cotton Cards, Brogan, pegged and sewed, 20,000 Needles, Writing Ink, at S. A. BENJAMIN'S, December 12.

State Tax Notice.

MY BOOKS WILL BE OPENED FOR RECEIVING returns and Taxes on WEDNESDAY, the 15th day of February, 1865, for Taxes of the year 1864. Feb 8 - 11

For Sale.

TWO NO. 1 MILCH COWS AND ONE OALF. Enquire of Mrs. Hamnerough, at the residence of J. Sommers, January 26.