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NATIONAL NEWS
*(Articles collected from the four issues of
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NORTH CAROLINA RE-SECEDING.

Governor Clark, the Executive of North Carolina, has refused to furnish any more troops to Jeff Davis, and has recalled all the North Carolina soldiers now in the rebel army. North Carolina has held a Convention of its citizens and pronounced against giving further aid to the rebellion, thus virtually returning to the Union. In reply to the demand of Jeff Davis for additional troops and means of transportation for his army to and through the cotton States, Governor Clark said that Davis had received all the aid from north Carolina that he could expect, and that hereafter no more troops would be permitted to leave the State, and has ordered all the North Carolina State troops home. Governor Clark also informed the rebels that they could use the railroads in retreating homeward, and that they would run their own risk of being intercepted by a Union force at any part of the State.

TO PLANTERS SOUTH.

The casualties of war have opened the Mississippi to our enemies. The time has therefore come to test the earnestness of all classes, and I call on all patriotic planters owning cotton in the possible reach of our enemies to apply the torch to it without delay or hesitation.

G. T. BEAUREGARD.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION

WE publish[ed] in another [issue] the President's Proclamation rescinding the General Order of **General Hunter**, by which the slaves in South Carolina, Georgia, and Florida were freed. The President takes the ground that the right of emancipating negroes under the war power belongs to him, and that he does not choose to delegate it to commanders in the field.

This message will satisfy the conservative people in the Northern States. So grave a question as the abolition of slavery in the States can not be left to the discretion of military officers. A uniform policy must be adopted by the Government, and carried out in every case. The only person who can determine that policy is the President, and he only does his duty when he refuses to share the privilege and the responsibility.

The closing paragraph of the Proclamation indicates clearly enough to which side the President's sympathies and inclinations lean. Indeed, it may be regarded somewhat in the light of a threat and a warning. He appeals to the people of the slaveholding States to accept the generous offer made to them by Congress while it is yet time. The "signs of the times," he warns them, point to the abolition of an institution which is not in harmony with the spirit of the age or reconcilable with the peace of the country. It is for the Slave States to decide whether they will run the risk of having it abolished under the war power, with suddenness and disaster, and without compensation, or whether they will have the sagacity to anticipate necessity, and avail themselves of a Congressional subsidy. The country pauses to hear Maryland's answer.

BRINGING THE REBELS TO THEIR SENSES IN TENNESSEE.

Governor Johnson, of Tennessee, has issued a proclamation to the effect that, for every Union man captured or ill-treated by the rebel bands of marauders, five prominent rebels shall be made to suffer, and that ample remuneration shall be made to all loyalists who may be despoiled of their property out of the property of such parties as have given aid and comfort to the enemy.

MILITARY PARTISANSHIP.

SINCE there are so many lively and graphic correspondents at the various seats of war, it would be a good thing if they could inform us exactly what we are to believe. It is curious, but it is true, that you can always anticipate the tone in which the correspondents of the different papers will treat facts. If General McClellan does something or doesn't do any thing, there are papers which will express a sneer. If General Fremont does or doesn't, others will do the same. You are sure never to know quite the truth about one General in one paper, or about another General in another. We are all as desperate military, as we have been political, partisans.

This feeling inevitably colors the statements of fact, so that the future historian of the war will have many a sharp word over the clashing testimony of eye-witnesses. For instance, there was the late retreat of the rebels from Yorktown. All the McClellan papers celebrated the "bloodless victory." In Albany they fired a hundred guns over his "glorious success." He had driven the rebels, demoralized and disorganized, in a panic rout. He had struck the coup de grace of the rebellion. The anti-McClellan papers, on the other hand, "didn't see it." He had been outwitted again. The rebels never meant to stand at Yorktown. They had no serious works. They mounted Quaker cannon. "The balloon first informed General McClellan of the escape of the foe, and of the disappointment of his preparations."

These are general statements, but side by side with them are details of fact—so called. A McClellan journal, recording that a party had returned from Yorktown, adds: "The stores abandoned by the rebels, they say, were immense, and exhibit the most conclusive evidence of demoralization and confusion in the retreat." "Competent judges, who went carefully over the ground abandoned by the rebels near Yorktown," says an anti-McClellan journal of the same morning, "say that there are no signs that their retreat partook of the character of a rout. There were no signs of demoralization whatever...The retrograde movement has all the appearance of being well ordered, in obedience to a preconceived plan."

The animus of such conflicting statements is evident enough.

HUMORS OF THE DAY.

* Why is a kiss like a rumor?—Because it goes from mouth to mouth.

* "Captain Silk! What a name for a soldier!" "The finest name in the world for a captain," said a lady; "for silk will never be worsted."

* What game is like a bustle? Backgammon.

* A young lady who lately gave an order to a milliner for a bonnet, said: "You are to make it plain, and at the same time smart, as I sit in a conspicuous place in church."

* What is that which makes all women equally pretty?—Putting the candles out.

FOREIGN NEWS.

ENGLAND.

PREVAILING DESTITUTION.

A LARGE number of the destitute English artisans, who met lately at Ashton-under-Lyne, moved an amendment to the resolution calling on the Cabinet to recognize the rebel States, to the effect that England and France be requested to join the United States in "crushing" down the rebellion.

FRANCE.

THE EXPEDITION TO MEXICO.

The Paris Moniteur publishes a letter from Mexico, in which it is stated, as a probability, that the French army will not long delay its march on Mexico City. The idea of the Spanish troops joining them gave satisfaction in Paris.

ADVERTISEMENTS

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GENERAL HUNTER
COMMANDING A NORTHERN ARMY IN MISSOURI

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LOCAL NEWS

From the Residents of Oak Street

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Summer Firefly Bazaar!

Despite the sadness surrounding us this past year that doesn't seem to be ending soon, the Annual Summer Firefly Bazaar sponsored by our local community church will still take place! Bring out all those handmade goodies and craft projects completed over the long winter. Be creative and whip up a special seasonal dish for the picnic. Let the world know that the residents of Oak Street still celebrate life as best we can. For donations please correspond with Mrs Rosbrugh, 36 Oak Street. We'll see you on Saturday, June 14th!

*Mrs. Rosbrugh
Oak Street Resident, North Carolina*

LOCAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

For Rent

Neatly furnished, comfortable Rooms suitable for a family or single gentlemen. Apply at 47 Johnson Oak Inn.

Lady's Maid Needed

A prominent lady of the town is in need of a lady's maid for personal services and light housekeeping. Must have clean presentation. Please inquire in person with references to 36 Oak Street.

Writers Wanted

The Oak Street Weekly is looking for persons of special writing interest to contribute articles pertaining to local news, poetry, novels, etc. Will pay handsomely per article. Inquire at the office of Mr. Charles Hensley.

RECEIPTS.

Baked Apples with Crispy Sweet Top

2 lbs Apples -peeled and sliced
Juice of half a Lemon
½ a cup of pounded sugar
4 table spoons Flour
¼ teaspoon salt
Grated spices to taste
½ a cup of flour
6 ounces of sweet butter
¾ a cup of pounded sugar that has had molasses added to it
¼ a cup pounded sugar
¼ a teaspoon salt
Grated spices to taste
Pinch together until a crumb. Stir in ½ cup rolled oats

Any mix of tart and sweet apples will do. Toss with lemon, sugar, salt spices and flour then with small quantity of sweet butter cubed place in plate with pie crust. Top with crumb mix and bake in moderate oven until apples are tender check after half of the hour has past. For those with an actual way of checking your oven with a thermostat it should measure around 350 and take near an hour depending on how quickly your oven cools.

*Created by Ms. Jenny
Oak Street Resident, North Carolina*

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

Dear Editor,
There is a female frailty, to which I must plead guilty: that of gloomy dissatisfaction upon coming down the Church aisle some bright fall Sunday, to see the old straws and silks reproduced, with a trimming that you remember to have seen round the hem of Miss Johnson's skirt, at the White Sulphur Springs, about the time of the Flood! And those ancient roses, that ought to have gone to deck the woolly front of Aunt Kingsley, months ago, are actually resurrected, and as artfully disposed under a black lace barbe on Mrs. Hensley's hat, as if they were born yesterday in a Paris workroom! Will Mrs. Minton's black silk sacque never die a natural death? How can Mrs. Cressman's everlasting blue have the face to show itself another season? etc.

*Signed only as Seccissia
Oak Street Resident?, North Carolina*

Dear Editor,

It has come to my attention that a few young ladies have been discovered passing notes and sketches during the church services. One young lady, though she attempted to conceal her efforts, even had the effrontery to copy the embroidery design of a pretty little collar worn by a fashionable visitor situated in the row ahead of her. For shame! Such outrageous behavior shall never be condoned even during this time of Northern Aggression. Young people should always conduct themselves with modesty, dignity, and propriety, especially within a house of worship.

*A Concerned Churchgoer
Oak Street Resident, North Carolina*

GOSSIPs CORNER.

Ladies Fashion

Belts are still as popular as ever. Wear over your one-piece dresses or your nicer bodice and skirt. This fashionable accessory is where you can show off your personality while keeping your outdated clothing looking fresh. Rumor has it that Mrs. E. Rosbrugh has just had a visit from her long friend Mr. B who has seen the latest in silk and cotton belts for women. May I advise that tan, puce, lilac, rose, daffodil, and indigo are popular colors this summer. Look for unusual buckles taken from departed soldiers' accoutrements.



Acceptable "Guests" of the Inn

The Johnson Oak Inn must announce that it finds it necessary to clarify who will be accepted into this establishment as an acceptable guest of the Inn. Though at times the Inn does find itself housing certain unsavory characters, for whom we are required to lower our standards, let it be clear that despite these occupations - men of this ilk should not be encouraged to linger at our door. In fact rather like a stray, mangy, flea infested, rabid dog of questionable lineage lacking in even the most basic of social accomplishment, grace, refinement, or breeding, the only possible solution is to shoot at them. However this solution is best left to the men.

Gone are the days when a vagabond soldier, be he Sergeant or Private, can wander into this establishment without resistance. The Inn will secede from such persons and will rebel against their invasion of our Inn at any future time. No oaths or other foul language will be tolerated in this premise. Hence forth those of dubious background will be questioned prior to admittance and payment rendered preceding their establishment in room or chair. Those that find these terms undesirable may protest until they are also blue in the face but we will not be swayed from our cause.

Conversely those of breeding who are easily identified by both their appropriate attire, no matter how grayed its condition, and properly accented speech are always welcome to seek refuge within the Johnson Oak Inn.

To ensure that you too do not find yourself overrun by mangy soldiers lacking in even the most basic of civility I encourage all residents of Oak Street to take a similar stance regarding those they take as guests

*Mrs. Cressman
Oak Street Resident, North Carolina*

A Thief In Our Midst?

Over the last few weeks, a thief has been taking advantage of our temporary establishments and the cover of night to empty the cash boxes and money chests of many of the businesses along Oak Street. Last night, Thornton's General Store became the latest victim of this intruder, despite Mrs. Thornton's efforts to hide the cash box in clever places. As in other robberies, only small valuables, jewelry, cash, and coin were taken.

A Most Entertaining Game - Euchre

The following is the simple explanation of how to play Euchre so that the newest of players is capable of being included. This enjoyable activity is entirely proper for both ladies and gentlemen to partake and is the pleasanest way to spend a spring afternoon.

Gather 4 players and a standard deck of 52. Remove the cards 2 through 6 from the deck. Divide into two teams with partners sitting on opposite sides of the playing table. Determine dealer by drawing lowest card.

Each player shall be dealt 5 cards. Cards should be properly dealt two or three at

a time, not one at a time. Turn up the 21st card to determine Trumps. The Elder Hand (player to the left of the dealer) then decides if he will "order up" the Trump card. If the Elder Hand elects so to do, the dealer then takes up the Trump and discards a single card. If instead the Elder Hand elects not to "order up" but passes, the choice then moves to the dealer's partner. The partner may not order up the Trump, but if he wishes the dealer to take it, he declares "I assist". The dealer then takes up the Trump and discards a card. If the partner passes, then the choice moves to the left to the third player, who like the first, may elect to order up or pass. If he passes, the choice passes to the dealer, who may elect to accept or "turn down" the Trump. If he turns it down, each player, beginning with the Elder Hand, has the option of naming a new suit for Trumps or passing. If no one will take up the Trump, assist or name a new Trump, it is declared a misdeal and the same dealer deals again.

Once Trump is established play begins. The Elder Hand leads the first Trick, by laying down a card of any suite. The player to his left must then select and lay down a card. He may play a card of a different suit, including Trumps, only if he has no cards of the same suite as that laid down by the Elder Hand. All players, moving around the circle to the left, lay one card. The player who laid the highest cards wins the Trick.

Ranking of highest card is most unique in this game. The highest card or "Right Bower" is the JACK of the trump suite. The "Left Bower" or second highest card is the JACK of the suit with the same color. Remaining cards are ranked A K Q J (all non bower Jacks) 10 9 8 7.

The winner of the last Trick leads the next Trick. This continues until 5 tricks have been played, at which point the scores are tallied and recorded. The deal then moves to the left, and the Elder Hand becomes the dealer.

To score each round, follow these guidelines: The player who has "ordered up" the Trump suit has agreed to win at least 3 of 5 tricks. If his team fails to do so, they are "Euchred" and the opposing team scores 2 points. If either team wins 3 or 4 tricks, they score 1 point (unless the opponents were Euchred, in which case they score 2). If either team wins all 5 tricks, they have scored a "March", and they get 3 points.

The first team to win 5 points has won the game. Congenial competition is sure to erupt and will provide entertainment for both players and audience.

*Mrs. Cressman
Oak Street Resident, North Carolina*

OBITUARY

HENRY LEWIS: Mrs. Lewis was informed that her son, Henry, of Company M, 16th North Carolina Regiment, was killed in a minor skirmish with Union troops two weeks ago. Her son joins his brother, Harry, and father, Edward, amongst those who have given their lives for the Cause. Henry is survived by his mother, Mrs. Edward Lewis, and his brother, William.