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April 17, 1863.

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April 10, 1863.

Out of Boarders from the 24th Regt. of Heavy Vol. Volunteers.

THE undersigned, members of the 24th Regt. Va. Volunteers, are now absent from their homes, sick and wounded, or detached, or prisoners of war, and will be unable to attend personally to the claims of their respective companies. Company A, Capt. Wm. Lewis, Richmond (Substitute); Wm Bussey, Wm Ashby, Richmond (Substitute); Company B, Capt. Wm. Harman, Harrisonburg; Company C, Capt. Jas. Kinney, New Hope; John D. Bumgardner, Capt. Kinney, co. (ment Farm); S. M. Switzer, Secy.

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BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA.

A PROCLAMATION.

By the Constitution and the laws of the Commonwealth, it is prescribed that elections shall be held on the Fourth Thursday in May, being this day of the month, for the following objects to wit:

The election of Governor, Lieutenant Governor and Attorney General, and for members of the House of Representatives of the Confederate States, in the several districts, and in the Counties, Cities and Boroughs, and the Senatorial districts, allotted to representation, in the Commonwealth, by vote at the several places of voting prescribed by the laws of the Commonwealth, and by those of the military service of the State or of the Confederate States, may be at such places or places which shall be duly established by the commandant of such regiment or other military organization, respectively, and the election of Sheriffs, Sergeants, Commissioners of the Revenue, Surveyors of the Roads, Constables, Overseers of the Poor, and Justices of the Peace, in and for the several counties, cities and boroughs of the State, shall therefore be held in the several counties, cities and boroughs, respectively, or corporation in the State where they may be entitled to representation, respectively.

The Polls for the election of members of the House of Public Works for the Third District, in the counties of the following names, shall be opened and are entitled to vote, viz: The counties of Prince William, Alexandria, Fairfax, Fauquier, Clarke, Jefferson, Berkeley, Morgan, Frederick, Shenandoah, Page, Rockingham, Pendleton, Hardy, Hampshire, Pocahontas, Randolph, Tucker, Hardy, Grant, Hampshire, Morgan, Pendleton, Taylor, Braxton, Lewis, Randolph, Tyler, Wirt, Wood, Wayne, Cabell, Putnam, Mason, Jackson, Gilmer, Wood, Wirt, Mason, Jackson and Pleasants.

The polls for the election of members of the Senate, in the several districts, shall be opened, and the returns of the presence of the public money, may be received at the places of voting in the several counties in the State where they may happen to be on the day of election.

For the electing of the Senators in the State Senate for the second class, being the counties, cities and elections, the polls shall be opened, viz: Fifth, seventh, ninth, eleventh, thirteenth, fifteenth, seventeenth, nineteenth, twenty-first, twenty-third, fifteenth, twenty-fifth, twenty-seventh, twenty-ninth, twenty-first, thirty-third, thirty-fourth, thirty-fifth, forty-first, forty-third, forty-fifth, forty-sixth, forty-seventh, forty-ninth, fifty-first, fifty-third, fifty-fifth, fifty-sixth, fifty-seventh, fifty-ninth, sixty-first, sixty-third, sixty-fifth, sixty-sixth, sixty-seventh, sixty-ninth, seventy-first, seventy-third, seventy-fifth, seventy-sixth, seventy-seventh, seventy-ninth, eighty-first, eighty-third, eighty-fifth, eighty-sixth, eighty-seventh, eighty-ninth, ninety-first, ninety-third, ninety-fifth, ninety-sixth, ninety-seventh, ninety-ninth, one hundred and first, one hundred and third, one hundred and fifth, one hundred and sixth, one hundred and seventh, one hundred and ninth, one hundred and eleventh, one hundred and twelfth, one hundred and fifteenth, one hundred and sixteenth, one hundred and seventeenth, one hundred and eighteenth, one hundred and nineteenth, one hundred and twenty-first, one hundred and twenty-third, one hundred and twenty-fifth, one hundred and twenty-sixth, one hundred and twenty-seventh, one hundred and twenty-ninth, one hundred and thirty-first, one hundred and thirty-third, one hundred and thirty-fifth, one hundred and thirty-sixth, one hundred and thirty-seventh, one hundred and thirty-ninth, one hundred and forty-first, one hundred and forty-third, one hundred and forty-fifth, one hundred and forty-sixth, one hundred and forty-seventh, one hundred and forty-ninth, one hundred and fifty-first, one hundred and fifty-third, one hundred and fifty-fifth, one hundred and fifty-sixth, one hundred and fifty-seventh, one hundred and fifty-ninth, one hundred and sixty-first, one hundred and sixty-third, one hundred and sixty-fifth, one hundred and sixty-sixth, one hundred and sixty-seventh, one hundred and sixty-ninth, one hundred and seventy-first, one hundred and seventy-third, one hundred and seventy-fifth, one hundred and seventy-sixth, one hundred and seventy-seventh, one hundred and seventy-ninth, one hundred and eighty-first, one hundred and eighty-third, one hundred and eighty-fifth, one hundred and eighty-sixth, one hundred and eighty-seventh, one hundred and eighty-ninth, one hundred and ninety-first, one hundred and ninety-third, one hundred and ninety-fifth, one hundred and ninety-sixth, one hundred and ninety-seventh, one hundred and ninety-nin

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W. A. L. LEE, PROPRIETOR AND EDITOR

STAUNTON, VA.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 1, 1863.

Many of our subscribers have promptly responded to our terms, paying both their old indebtedness and their new subscription. To those who are backward we give notice that they must comply with our terms. The subscription can be sent by mail at our risk and the receipt will be returned to the mail paper after the receipt of the money. We have issued the paper for near three months without appealing to our friends, and we hope that they will now see the necessity of promptly responding as we have to pay cash for everything connected with the office.

May 1st 1863.

WAR NEWS.

The Yankees made a raid up the Valley and coming as far as Woodstock, were attacked, near that place, by Maj. Myers with a small force, who owing to the superiority of numbers against him was compelled to fall back, losing some few prisoners. The Major more than retrieved his loss, on Wednesday 29th, by successfully ambuscading four regiments who were hunting Gen Jones, but found Major Myers. He killed and captured some forty prisoners and a number of horses, losing one man mortally wounded.

We hear that Gen. Jones is successful having captured one thousand prisoners, wagons, &c, and we will be exceeding glad to hear it confirmed.

The Yankees crossed the Rappahannock near Port Royal and captured some few wagons, fishermen and their nets.

During the past week an additional Gun-boat and several transports have passed Vicksburg, two being sunk in the attempt to pass. It is reported that the Queen of the West and Diana were destroyed by our guns to prevent their recapture by the boats which have passed Vicksburg.

Capt. Stribling's battery, which was stationed on the hill near this place for some time in the past fall were taken prisoners near Suffolk. No culpability is charged to them as they fought gallantly but were badly supported.

We copy below the report of the success of Gen. Imboden which was published in an extra on the 28th.

HDQ'S. N. W. VA. BRIGADE,
2 miles North of Beverly,
APRIL, 24th 1863.

I attacked the enemy in a strong position, on the heights in the rear of Beverly to-day, and defeated and drove him from the town after a stubborn resistance of three hours, pursued him till dark on the Phillippi road—renew the pursuit this morning. He burnt a considerable part of the town and destroyed his stores, which were very considerable, Commissaries alone over $40,000. I captured five new Army wagons, thirty odd fine horses and mules, thirty-four new Enfield rifles, a number of good tents, a quantity of grain, a bogus Militia Major and a number of prisoners—list not made up yet. I learn I will procure over 1000 head of fine cattle in this and Barbour county and large quantities of bacon.

It has been raining four days—roads a perfect mire.

Casualties, a few badly wounded on our side, none killed. Enemy's loss unknown, as he removed all before he retreated. The people are rejoicing at this deliverance from the oppressor.

Enemy's force to-day two regiments of infantry, a battery and two companies of cavalry.

Yours &c.

J. D. IMBODEN.

There are strong fears entertained on the streets of the advance of the enemy on the Rappahannock. It is reported that they are advancing in three columns, having crossed at Kelly's—United States Ford and Port Royal—the number crossed at Kelly's Ford is stated to be 10,000, the number at the other points spoken of above not known. We are not positive of the truth of these reports as we can get no information other than from passengers by the train, and we give them as common scandal.

Col. ZARVONA.

The Richmond Examiner brings us the glad intelligence of the release of Col. Zarvona, (Col. Thomas) from a Yankee prison and that he will arrive in a few days by the next Flag-of-truce boat. The Examiner says the two Yankee officers held as prisoners in the Penitentiary by Gov. Letcher, will be released on the return of Zarvona and that if prisoners had been released in exchange for Colonel Thomas he would have been released long since. We concur with the Examiner in this sentiment. Gov. Letcher is entitled to great credit in this matter. He imprisoned, in the Penitentiary the first prisoners, who came under his control and to whom he expressly declared he would deal out the same measure which was meted to Zarvona. The legislature tried to release these prisoners but Gov. Letcher told them that they did not have the pardoning power, that being one of his prerogatives, and that they could not force him to release them, but on the contrary he would hold and hang them if Zarvona was not released, and hence the gratifying intelligence brought us by the "EXPRESS."

[illegible] from the Richmond papers that Gen. J. D. Imboden, has in recognition to a call, made upon him by a number of gentlemen of Albemarle, [illegible] to become a candidate for Congress. Gen. Imboden is [illegible] a man who is in his element [illegible] certainly as [illegible] the Confederacy [illegible] Gen. Imboden [illegible] Congress.

LOCAL AND SOCIAL NEWS.

We have just heard that two Editors from Maryland have arrived in our city, being driven from their homes in the Counties of Md. Maj. Jed Cook. They bring reports of open rebellion, in Indiana, to the acts of the present Abolition Administration and especially to the conscription act. We had reached such a stage in Md. yesterday in the opinion of the Yankee Authorities, the intervention of the Military to quell it. These gentlemen report that a force of ten thousand men had been sent from Hooker's army for the purpose of suppressing this forcible opposition to the acts of the Yankee Government, and that the men of Hooker's command were selected, being men of a different section, and not Western troops, who might, instead of suppressing, aid this outbreak. This report, generally credited at first, seems to be confirmed by the report of a gentleman, who is just time from Baltimore.

The gentleman first alluded to were editing papers in their respective counties, and for some comment on the usurpations of the Northern Dictator, were ordered to leave that land, where life, liberty and the freedom of speech is especially guaranteed (?) to its citizens. What a condition must not be the Lincoln Administration be in, when it calls the exponents of the popular feeling, for comments and even strictures placed upon it!.

These gentlemen could scarcely have seen many of our Southern prints, or they could not have forged their opinion in reference to the manner in which the war has been waged, on the part of the Abolitionists. They believed that it was carried on, after the style graphically adopted by Christian Nations, but this illusion was dispelled ere they reached this point, by their observation of acts, which even Barbarians would be loth to practice. While coming up the Valley they saw a procession, on its way to pay the last rites to a departed friend and relative, deliberately fired into by Yankee Soldiery, killing one peaceable citizen and wounding another. This is but a slight specimen of the atrocities practiced by our Vandal foe, with which our papers have teemed since hostilities commenced. This is but a small share of what the people of our beloved Valley have been compelled to endure. But last week we heard of the thrusting out of their house, of the family Mr. Lloyd Logan of Winchester because they observed the day of mourning for the death of Mrs. Gen. Jackson appointed by President Davis, amid the exultation of Mrs. Gen Milroy, who exclaimed as she took possession of the property, thus stolen from this estimable family—"Go you secesh rebels, I hope you may be made to starve" and the expulsion of Miss McGill for writing a letter descriptive of the cause of their being driven out.

Gen. Milroy holds UNDISPUTED, and tyrannical sway over the people in the lower portion of the Valley, while we know that we have forces sufficient in reach of him to capture, certainly to drive him out of the Valley. We do not expect to deprive the Confederacy at large of the services of that world renowned Warrior, whose interests are especially identified with our Valley, "Gen. Stonewall Jackson," but we do desire to see some one in command of our forces, on this side of the mountain, who does not let all chances escape him, for the absurd reason that it will subvert some well concocted plan, never intended to be, or at least never put into execution.

THE WEST.

The Mississippian gives an account of the nature and objects of the war in the West, from which we select a description of their troops and his notions of a peace party:

THEIR TROOPS.

These are hard, determined, as most he selected to do the work, hate to be driven by the bayonet, but desert when they can; but they are well fed and clothed. The Democratic soldiers denounce Lincoln and the Abolitionists, and hate the Secession; the Republican soldiers worship Lincoln and the negro, and hate the Democrats and the rebels.

Within, they are a mixed, mongrel, motley, detestable crew of human wickedness and meanness, which the cauldron of fanaticism and revolution has belched forth upon the country.

ABOUT PEACE.

There is a peace party at the North—strong and active party, nearly equal—may be quite equal, or even numerically superior to the war party, and the bitterness between these parties is very intense, and the feud irreconcilable. But our informant does not believe that such feud will ever produce any more dangerous result than words. He believes the conscript law will be enforced, and that the malcontents will yield, like those in Noble county, Ohio, did yield, by flight, before the appearance of an armed and organized soldiery.

He does not believe the Democrats will make fight, and regards the Chicago "Times" and the organ of Ex-Gov. Medary, as already preparing to back squarely down "to shelter to the laws, and submit to the Constitution." This is only an opinion, but our informant entertains it with great confidence.

SABBATH SCHOOL EXHIBITION.

The M. E. Sabbath School proposes to give an exhibition on Thursday night, May 7th 1863, the proceeds of which are to be applied to the benefit of Soldiers' families. The exhibition of the Sabbath School have been very interesting heretofore, and in hazarding nothing to say that this one will be equally so. These exhibitions have been liberally patronized by our benevolent people and we hope, especially on account of its worthy object, that they may all go and thereby make the donation to the families of our brave soldiers as large as possible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

We call attention to the announcements published in this issue for Congress, Senate, Delegates from different Districts and House of Delegates, nominations and endorsements.

CONGRESSIONAL ELECTION.

While engaged in a momentous struggle for Liberty and Independence, in Old Virginia, we should not seek for any of the candidates before them, or strictures upon the course pursued by any of the voters in this county of free thought and speech, and we are thankful they have the privilege of exercising such a source. With this disclaimer, that fully stated, and with an purpose of creating an taste of party, we between candidates on account of past party differences, we feel compelled to repel charges alleged against those in this District who may elect to vote as they please.

The Editor of the "Spectator" is a free man like the rest of the white males of 21 years of age in the District, and has a preference for one of the candidates for Congress, which he has frankly stated on several occasions, and we make no issue with him on this account, but believe that in so doing he is merely exercising the prerogative of a freeman; but that he shall sit upon his tripod and determine for the people at large who shall be the next Representative from this District, and declaim against all who may differ with him in opinion, (which they have a perfect right to do,) and declare that those who choose to differ with him have "axes to grind", we do not agree. The Editor speaks his sentiments in regard to Col. Baldwin, his choice, in a frank manner which we like, but is disposed to claim for him more than Col. Baldwin, we think, would desire to claim for himself, viz: that a "few that have "axes to grind" can't get Col. B. to turn the Grindstone and hence prefer Gov. Letcher who will turn the Stone. We are for from saying that Col. B. would be guilty of "grinding the axe" of any constituent of his, and we feel equally sure that Gov. Letcher would be as far from any such thing as Col. Baldwin or any one else, and we think the "Spectator" and other friends of Col. Baldwin are as liable to be charged with having axes to be ground by Col. B., as that any one preferring Gov. Letcher has one to be ground by him. We do not assert that any of Col. Baldwin's friends have this almighty "axe" (of which the "Spectator" speaks so frequently) to grind, because they may choose to vote for him, but believe this to be a matter of preference between the two candidates, unbiased by party or by the desire to "grind axes", and so thinking, have not said or done anything which would show our preference, but we feel equally sure that if by the ever that we supported Gov. Letcher because he had been a Democrat We do not fear that by the nominating of that issue Gov. Letcher would suffer, for we say candidly to the "Spectator" that if you continue to declare that the "few have axes to grind," evidently referring to men who were Democrats, you will make the old issue and if that issue be made, thereby exchanging the chances of defeating the candidate of your choice, to be thrown upon your own head. We say now as we said in the commencement of this article, let us be still united, in our great cause, undivided by past party distinctions, and let this be a matter of preference between the two candidates for this important office, without declaring, that by voting for one or the other, the voters are biased by some sinister motive, some "axe to grind," but let us accord to them the same generous impulses which actuate us, that a particular name to elect the man whom they think best calculated to represent them in the next congress.

We desire to see the candidates before the people, unprejudiced by such articles as have appeared in the Spectator in its last two issues, being as desirous of seeing Col. Baldwin, who is present, placed fairly before our people as Gov. Letcher, who is present with the duties of his office and those he owes to his aged and sick father from canvassing the District. Whatever is the sovereign people in their unbiased judgement select, with him will we be satisfied.

☞ We copy below from the Gazette (Miss.) Commonwealth, the sobly patriotic reply of one of the fair daughters of the South. It expressed the fullness of her feelings and administered a just and cutting rebuke to those who have so earnestly essayed to take that strong hold of the South, Mississippi pride, and ev. signally failed. It is but the expression of the feelings of Southern women, who are ready to sacrifice all but THEIR COUNTRY, and especially of the fair ones of Mississippi, whose daughters are as noble as their sires are brave.

SPOKEN LIKE CORNELIA.—A young lady of Louisiana, whose father's plantation had been brought within the enemy's lines, in their operations against Vicksburg, was frequently constrained by the necessities of her situation to hold conversation with the officers of the Yankee army. On one occasion a Yankee official enquired how she managed to preserve her equanimity and cheerfulness amid so many trials and privations, and such severe reverses of fortune. Her young cold by, has deprived your father of two hundred negroes and literally desolated two magnificent plantations.

She said to the officer—a leader of that army, which had for months levelled around Vicksburg, powerless to take it with all their vast appliances of war, and mortified beyond endurance at their failure—I am sensible to the comforts and elegancies which fortune can secure, and of which your barbarian hordes have deprived me; but a true Southern woman will not weep over them, while her country remains. I have yet two sons left, and Vicksburg.—Cincinnati (Miss.) Commonwealth.

☞ Col. Baldwin addressed the people of this county on Monday last, Court day, giving them an account of his stewardship as their representative in Congress. His speech was in his usual pleasant and forcible style. We were sorry that Governor Letcher had not expected and could not be here, on account of the illness of his father, for in that case the people could have heard an interesting discussion between the highly favored gubernatorial candidate and the aspirant.

Meeting of the Officers of the "Stonewall Brigade."

At a meeting of the voters of the Stonewall Brigade from the Eleventh Congressional District Maj. James W. Newton of the 5th Va. Infantry, was called to the chair and the object of the meeting stated by Capt. H. J. Williams to be, to call upon some prominent citizen to represent them in the next Confederate Congress. The meeting being open for nominations Capt. W. H. Harman and J. R. Baldwin were nominated and seconded by Capt. Waller Preston and Lieut. H. Pol Va. Infantry, at the solicitation of his friends arose and entertained the Assembly for a short while in an eloquent an able address in favor of Col. Harman, to which none volunteering a reply, the nominations were put before the meeting and resulted in the choice of Col Harman. A committee composed of Capts. Chew, Gibson and Trevy was appointed to inform Col. Harman of his nomination and call upon him to announce himself a candidate for Congress in the Eleventh Congressional District. There being no further business the meeting dispersed sine die.

JAS. W. NEWTON, Chairman.
LUCIEN BAILIS, Secretary.

☞ District papers please copy.

Correspondence.

CAMP WITHER APRIL 20TH, 1863.

GEN. WM. H. HARMAN, SIR:—The undersigned, a committee appointed at a meeting of the voters, now serving in Paxton's Brigade,—of the 11th Congressional District, held on the 18th inst., for the purpose of selecting a suitable person to represent them in the second Congress, of the Confederate States of America, have the honor, of informing you that, relying upon your worth as a statesman and soldier, they have selected you as the person to represent their interest in that honorable body.

Permit us, therefore, in behalf of this meeting to respectfully ask you, to announce yourself as a candidate for that important trust; and to assure you that, from the soldiers who have served under you, in this struggle for liberty, you will receive a hearty and cordial support. We have the honor to be

Yours Respectfully,
E. L. CURTIS,
J. W. TREVY,
JAMES W. GIBSON.

STAUNTON, APRIL 28th, 1863.

GENTLEMEN:—Your letter of the 20th inst., communicating my nomination for a seat in the next Congress of the Confederate States, by the voters of the 11th Congressional District, now serving in Paxton's Brigade, was received yesterday. I should be untrue to myself, did I not feelsen to express deep sensibility! I feel as so flattering a mark of the confidence and kind feeling of my old comrades and associates in arms. I have cherished no aspirations to place or preferment in the coming election, well of my career, but already elections (Congressional) are in course, and the unanimous expression of a wish on the part of the brave men, who have so manfully aided in rendering it glorious, that I should represent their interests in that honorable body is extremely difficult to resist. Before however, receiving your communication, or an intimation of the holding of the meeting you represent, I had consented to become a candidate to represent the county of Augusta in the next House of Delegates of Virginia, and even if I did not think I could render more efficient service in the Legislature than Congress, the obligations I have already assumed, would as you will readily perceive, prevent my acceptance of the nomination you so kindly tender me.

I beg that you will express to my friends in the "Old Stonewall Brigade" the assurance that I decline this nomination from no indisposition to serve them or our country in the struggle for liberty in which we are engaged, but really because I believe I can be of more service to them and our fellow-citizens in and out of the army to elect me, more useful in the Legislature than I could be in Congress.

Let me beg you further, Gentlemen, to communicate to the soldiers who have served under me the proud remembrance I retain of our intercourse with them, the deep interest I have felt in them in all the perils and hardships they have endured since our separation—the thrilling emotions of pleasure I have experienced on day after day I have learned of the fresh laurels they were winning.

With assurances of my regards for you personally I am, Gentlemen,

Most Respectfully, Your Friend,
W. H. HARMAN.

Capt's. E. L. Curtis, J. M. Trevy, and Jas. W. Gibson.

Letter of Col. J. R. Baldwin.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
April 23d, 1863.

DEAR SIR:—Yours of the 20th inst. is just received. I hasten to answer your inquiries as follows:

1st—Did you vote against abolishing flogging in the army?

I did not. On the contrary, I voted for the bill by which flogging has been completely prohibited.

2—Did you vote against increasing the pay of soldiers?

I did not. On the contrary, I have always voted to increase their pay, and to give them in money the value of such rations as the Government fails to furnish.

It is rather surprising that people will resort to slander which can be so easily exposed. A vote in Congress over which I have presided, and a life about it cannot be very long.

As an officer sworn to be in close contact with the army, I deem it proper to say that having compassed the 52d Virginia Regiment for eight months, I now perfectly will. Very respectfully yours &c. I fully survived under was shall all what they know from actual experience as to whether I know how soldiers ought to be treated, and whether I have a proper respect for their rights, and sympathy for their feelings.

Yours truly,
JNO. R. BALDWIN.

Hon. J. R. BRATWHATE,
Q. M. Stonewall Brigade.

TO THE PEOPLE OF AUGUSTA.

FELLOW-CITIZENS:—Having been solicited by many the leading citizens of the old portion, from various parts of the county, to consent to become a candidate for a seat in the next House of Delegates of Virginia, I do not feel at liberty to decline the use of my name, if I can be of any service to the country in the time of trial.

The responsibilities to be assumed are very great, and it is with reluctance and distrust of my abilities that I announce myself a candidate for your suffrages. But if I shall be your choice, I will go in the duties of the position, I will only promise you an honest and unbiased effort to work for the good of the country.

May 1st 1863.

ANDREW KOINER.

Meeting of the Peripatetical Cavalry.

HILLSBORO, PENDLETON CO., VA.
April 18th 1863.

At a meeting of the Peripatetical Cavalry, [illegible] Capt. Jas. J. Board and Wm. S. Brady. Whereupon the following resolutions were brought in and adopted.

1st, Resolved, That we cordially desire John Letcher, Esq., to become a candidate for Congress from the 11th Congressional District.

2d Resolved, That we will use our influence to secure his election by communicating with our fellow soldiers from this county, serving in other parts of Confederacy.

3d, Resolved, That the proceedings of this meeting be published in the Staunton Vindicator, and the Richmond papers.

On motion the meeting adjourned.

PAUL MCNEEL, Chairman.
WM S. BRADY, Secretary.

Richmond papers requested to copy.

To the Electors of the 11th Congressional District.

No vulgar licking after popular applause—no prurient avidity for public honors—no inspiration of hungry vanity, placed my name before you as a candidate for Congress. The position was not sought. It was yielded to demands from all quarters of the district and divisions of the army. Now that it turns out that Governor Letcher has assured himself about the mere time—that he was indeed to do so, by similar calls made upon him, I take it for granted that I might retire from the contest, without giving offence to my friends, and as I desire to attend to my own private business, (much injured since the commencement of this war and have no fancy for any, much less a three sorts candidate,) I most respectfully inform you that I am no longer a Candidate for Congress. W. SKEEN,
of Pocahontas.

STAUNTON, VA., May 1—1t

The President's Abolitionists.

It was while I was contemplating this interesting scene that I saw the President suddenly emerge from his private room and walk excitedly into another department. Never was I so astonished in the work-room of the Capitol. He was tall, straight, and well proportioned. Now he bent through the door a gate form old man, his body bent forward, his face pallid, and, in place of the stately apparel he might be supposed to make, he shuffled along swinging his arms backward. On what a strange was Harry Stopping short at his door, as he was returning, he seemed greatly perplexed, and, turning about exclaimed, "said I would let no more gentlemen to day," and closed the door.—*Washington Correspondence of the Courier.*

For the Vindicator.

To the Candidates for Congress from the 11th Congressional District.

Are you in favor of the reconstruction of the Union upon any conditions?

BATH.

April 21st 1t*

☞ We are authorized to give notice that the Firemen's Ball is unavoidably postponed until further notice is given, on account of their inability to procure a supply of gas.

GREAT.—Will are [illegible] coming from the army? There is much complaint on this subject, and it will grat[illegible] people of the 11 M. Gen. will look into it.

SABBATH SCHOOL EXHIBITION,

For the Benefit of Soldiers' Families.

The Sabbath School of the M. E. Church, in Staunton, will give an Exhibition on Thursday evening, May 7th, at which prizes are to be applied for the benefit of the Families of Soldiers, it is believed that the Sabbath School Exhibitions have always been interesting. Tickets $1, to be obtained from members.

April 24, 1863.

MARRIED.

On the 23d inst. by Rev. W. S. Gilliam, Mr. HENRY C. CRABILL and MISS ANNIE E. JAMISON, both of Staunton, Va.

DIED

[illegible] Mr. Moody, aged 36 years. He was a native of Ireland, and came to this country in his boyhood. He was a [illegible] PATTERSON, in the 34th year of his age.

We publish the above on request of the many personal friends. Born and reared in close proximity to each other, we contracted a friendship which lasted until at his death. His death was sudden, and unexpected, leaving the sad alternative of friends, and at once gave him an early home in the grave. We miss the kind, cheerful, and generous spirit, which was wonted to cheer the sad, and to be ever ready to sympathize with the afflicted. We miss the sympathy, and we know that there will be a sad void in our circle.—W.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

AMERICAN HOTEL,
AT STUNTON, VA.
FOR SALE.

THE extensively patronized property in Staunton, known as the AMERICAN HOTEL, is offered for sale, will offer at Public Auction, on Monday, the 30th day of May, (Court day) on the premises, that splendid HOTEL.

Brown's American Hotel.

Is thoroughly attached, and recently kept by S. B. Brown, Esq., who is now doing the same for the Central Hotel, is now rented other, offered for sale, and pleasant property place for all who may visit the Springs. The present will be sold to the rents from the day of sale.

Terms of sale—Cash, or negotiable note or bonds receivable, with the exception of $10,000, which will be divided in two equal annual payments, with interest from date.

A. N. LIKE,
S. B. BROWN, Jr.

Staunton, May 1, 1863.—1w

Small Sale!

A LL those having given me their notes, and the Merchant Mill, Saw Mill, Distillery, on go to Charleston, Kanawha, to purchase Salt for them, will please be ready on Court day, to do so, or will be divided in two equal annual payments, with interest from date.

A. N. LIKE.

April 24, 1863.—3t—Rest cost $1

Save Your Rags.

WILL be received at the Vindicator office, for which the cash will be paid. Call at the Vindicator office.

April 17, 1863.

NOTICE.—Just received a lot of VA. SALT, which will be sold at small advance.

J. R. HOOK.

Staunton, Feb. 27, 1863.—tf

FOR HIRE.—I have a BRIGHT GIRL, which I wish to hire for the balance of the year.

J. R. HOOK.

February 27, '63.—tf

NOTICE.—Just received, 1,000 lbs. PRIME [illegible]

J. R. HOOK.

Feb. 27, 1863.—tf

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

FOR SOUTH. BOR.

WE are authorized to announce JOHN H. PAGE, Esq., as a candidate for the office of Senator, in the Senatorial District, composed of the Counties of Rockingham, Page and Shenandoah.

March 27, 1863.—4t.

FOR STATE SENATE.

WE are authorized to announce JAMES R. CARRIER, Esq., as a candidate for the Senate, in the Senatorial District, composed of the Counties of Frederick, Clarke, Warren.

May 1, 1863.—13t*

WE are authorized to announce Maj. WM. MCDOUGLE, as a candidate for the Senate, in the Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Rockbridge, Bath and Highland.

May 1, 1863.—4t.

FOR MEMBER OF DELEGATES.

WE are authorized to announce HUGH W. SHEFFEY, Esq., as a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates.

April 22—4t.

WE are authorized to announce JAMES WALKER, as a candidate for re-election to the House of Delegates.

April 17, 1863.—4t.

WE are authorized to announce HOWEY PEYTON, Esq., as a candidate to represent this County in the next General Assembly of Virginia.

April 10, 1863.—4t.

WE are authorized to announce Col. WM. BOWMAN, as a candidate for the House of Delegates.

May 1, 1863.—4t.

WE are authorized to announce Maj. ABNER KOINER, as a candidate for the House of Delegates, in the counties of Augusta and Rockbridge.

May 1, 1863.—4t.

WE are authorized to announce Capt. W. H. HARMAN, as a candidate for the House of Delegates, in the counties of Augusta and Rockbridge.

May 1, 1863.—4t.

WE are authorized to announce Capt. CHARLES CRAIG, as a candidate for the House of Delegates, in the County of Augusta.

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WE are authorized to announce JOHN H. PAGE, Esq., as a candidate for the House of Delegates, in the counties of Rockingham, Page and Shenandoah.

March 27, 1863.—4t.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF VIRGINIA,
A PROCLAMATION.

THE Senate of Virginia having declared vacant the 45th Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Pickie Doddridge, Harrison, Pleasants and Wood and the 5th Senatorial District, composed of the counties of Ohio and Marshall, and fixed these districts being in the occupation of the Military Forces of the Confederate States, and having authorized the qualified voters of said districts, may, at the usual places of voting, elect a Senator to fill the vacancy in the Senate of Virginia, occasioned by the expulsion of the Senators from said districts, who would be qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly in the counties of said districts, and who have given aid and comfort to the enemies of the public enemy, who would be qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly in the counties of said districts, but have given aid and comfort to the enemies of the public enemy, who would be qualified to vote for members of the General Assembly in any county or corporation in the State where they may reside, and who have not given aid and comfort thereto; I, JOHN LETCHER, Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, by virtue of authority vested in me by the Senate of Virginia, do hereby notify all qualified voters of said districts, that they will be at the usual places of voting in said districts, on the 5th day of the Month, in Sabbath, in the year and on the anniversary of the Christ the poem, on the 5th day of December, 1863, and elect a Senator to fill said vacancies, and I do hereby notify and require the proper officers of said districts to give notice of said election, in the manner prescribed by law.

Given under my hand as Governor, and under the Seal of the Commonwealth of Virginia, this 15th day of April, 1863, in the 87th year of the Commonwealth.

JOHN LETCHER.

Teste
Jno. W. MCCOMAS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

April 24th—4w

COURT HOUSE.

ARCHER, MACKENSIE AND TALBOTT,
LESSEES OF THE
LYNCHBURG THEATRE,
Will Shortly
GIVE A SERIES OF THEIR
CHASTE AND RECHERCHE
Entertainments,
at the above named place.

Due notice will be given about the time of their opening.

April 17th 1863—tf

PUBLIC SALE.

WE will sell at public auction at BUFFALO, Nelson County, Va., on Wednesday, the 6th day of May, the following valuable property, viz: 25 HEAD OF HORSES, CARRIAGES AND HACKS, together with a large lot of Harness, Saddles, Bridles, &c. Also, three Carriages, Jack, belonging to the late Col. Harman, Mason & Co., and one of the very best Carriages, and one of the best Jacks in the country, belonging to Mr. Mason, of Staunton, Va. Also, one Carriage, belonging to Mr. Gardner, of Staunton, Va. Also, one Carriage belonging to Mr. Henry A. Ryan