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# The Vindicator.

Staunton, Va.

EDITOR.


Notice to our subscribers.

Many of our subscribers have so much exceeded our terms, paying both their old and new subscriptions, and their new subscription. We those who are broke and we give notice that after the next issue only cash our terms. The subscription can be sent by mail or by express, and the receipt will be forwarded in the next paper after the receipt of the money. We have sent the paper for near three months with the hope of receiving from our friends, and we know they will now see the necessity of promptly responding as we have to pay cash for everything connected with the office.

May 1st 1863.

REMOVAL.

We have removed our office to the old Bell Tavern buildings, on New Court House Street, one door east of the Provost Marshall's office (up stairs) where we will be pleased to see our old friends.

We are prepared to do job work in the neatest manner and with dispatch.

WARNING.

There has been a considerable dearth of news from the armies during the past week, and we have little to add since our last issue.

Charleston still stands, and with her little army and her gallant commander not the least dispirited as to the final result.

Battery Wagner on Morris Island, which has thus far stood the shock of the tremendous cannonade of the Federal Batteries, Gun-boats and Mortar boats is now reported to be stronger than ever. Fort Sumpter is promptly and readily replying to the Federal guns on land and water, and we have no doubt with good effect—as some of their boats have been seen to move off in a crippled condition.

From the Trans-Mississippi army the telegraph informs us of the victory of Genl. Taylor over Banks, resulting in the capture of a large number of prisoners.

Gen. Wm. Adams Scouts confirms the telegram, and say that Banks attacked Gen. Taylor at Donaldsonville on the 23rd ult, and was defeated with a loss of 5000, including 4000 prisoners, and that Taylor and Magruders forces have since united on the Teche river, which if true will enable Taylor to place in position the forces once commanded at Thibodeaux and blockade the river below.

Of Gen. Johnston's army we learn from the Meridian, Mississippi, Clarion that the camp and men remain as they were near Morton on Strong river.

We have heard nothing from the army of Gen. Bragg during the past week, but presume its location is the same since his falling back from Tullahoma.

Nothing has transpired in the army of Northern Virginia since our last report save the fight near Brandy Station. We whipped them at that point where we came in close encounter with them, and finally drove them across the river. Our exact loss we did not ascertain—we lost no prisoners, but took 40 or 50. Col. Baker commanding, was severely wounded in the arm, and for the ability displayed on that occasion was made Brigadier General on the field. Col. Black 1st S. C. Col. Young Cobb's Legion, Lt. Col. Lipscomb 2nd S. C. Maj. Wright Cobb's Legion, Capt. Blair 1st N. C. and other officers were wounded.

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION.

The proclamation of President Davis calling upon all absent from their commands to return and promising full pardon and amnesty to all who shall return immediately, will be found in another column to which we call the special attention of our readers. We have no doubt that many of those who left to visit their homes having heard of family sickness or who were burdened by extreme anxiety for families, not seen in some instances since the commencement of hostilities, and have been deterred from returning from fear of being treated as deserters will gladly learn that they can do so without fear and will cordially respond to the President's proclamation by promptly returning to assist in gaining that victory which the President says they must but stretch forth their hands to grasp.

By this pardon granted by the President; a number who have been detained here as convicted by Court-martials and sentenced to carry a ball and chain, have been released and with joyful countenances and glad some hearts broke the shackles from their limbs, placed them in some instances, as intimated by the President in his proclamation, for having written with fond devotion to family. It has seemed strange to see spectacle to see Confederate soldiers in the hall and chain gang and we are glad that the President has followed them, satisfied that when again there rejoin their companions, they will retrieve the past by exhibitions of valor worthy of and fire fighting in the most sacred cause in which a nation was ever engaged.

Hon. W. L. Yancey—We are pained to hear of the death of this distinguished statesman, a member of the Alabama Senate. He died on the 17th ult. at his residence, near Montgomery, Alabama, after an illness of four weeks from the effects of kidney disease.

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Gen. Wm. H. F. Lee, son of the Hero of Virginia, is reported to be doing well.

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Gen. Pettigrew, of the Army of Northern Virginia, died at Hillsboro, N. C. on the 17th ult. from the effects of a wound received in the late battle near Gettysburg.

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Gen. Ewell is reported to be improving.

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Gen. Longstreet is reported to be improving.

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Gen. Hood is reported to be improving.

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Gen. Stuart is reported to be improving.

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