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"	1 month	3 00
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Notice to our Subscribers.

Many of our subscribers have kindly responded to our terms, paying both their old indebtedness and their new subscription. To those who have not we will give notice that they must comply with our terms. The subscriptions can be sent by mail at our risk and the receipt will be returned in the next paper after the receipt of the money. We have issued this paper for 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.

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, (opposite) where we will be pleased to see our old friends.

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

MORE YANKS.

Capts. McNeill, Imboden and Hobson made their appearance in our midst Tuesday last with 147 prisoners captured by their companies near Moorefield, Hardy County, a few days since. They are nearly all Western Virginians and mostly from Pierpont's legislature. The particulars of their capture are given in another column by one of our correspondents. A member of the North Western Brigade, it was quite a successful affair and capture and spoke well for the officers and men engaged in it. It seems that orders had been issued to the force of the enemy to surprise the camp of our men at daylight, and they actually did reach it at that time, but much to their chagrin found an empty camp, our force being at that precise time engaged in bagging the prisoners brought here. They then attempted to cut off our force and retake the prisoners, but did not effect it, only killing and wounding some half-a-dozen of our men and some twenty-horses and recapturing one ambulance. Capt. McNeill received a slight scratch in the fight and Capt. Hobson had his hat shot off his head and perforated again before it reached the ground.

☞ Gov. Letcher's Message is a very short one. Not having space to publish the whole of it, we publish such portions as we deem of most interest to the public generally. Like all documents from the pen of Gov. Letcher, it is eminently practical. Most of the measures recommended by him, if adopted by the Legislature, will result in good.—SPECTATOR.

☞ The above, the comment of the "Spectator," upon the message of Gov. Letcher, which we publish in our columns this morning, we endorse to its fullest extent.

The universal commendation bestowed upon the message by the Press throughout the State must be a source of gratification not only to the Governor himself, but to his numerous friends in the Old Dominion. We trust that its length will not deter our readers from giving it a careful and attentive perusal.

PUBLIC SPEAKING.

Gen. Wm. Smith, lately elected Governor Virginia; James P. Holcombe, formerly of the University of Virginia, late member of Congress from Albemarle and Senator Wigfall of Texas have been invited to address the people of Augusta at the Court House on Monday the 28th inst., Court day, on the War and kindred subjects. As these gentlemen have spoken elsewhere it is fair to presume they will accept the invitation and address our people on that day. Let all, who can, attend and get information from men who have participated in the stirring events around us, either in the Halls of Congress or on our glorious battle-fields.

P. S.—Since writing the foregoing, we understand a letter has been received from Gen. Smith in which he accepts the invitation, and will therefore address our citizens on Monday the 28th inst.

MR. SHEFFEY'S ADDRESS.

We publish in another column the eloquent and admirable address of H. W. Sheffey Esq., Delegate from Augusta, who has been again elected to the speakership of the House. This address is in Mr. Sheffey's usual style, simple yet beautiful. He speaks the sentiments which should animate our people. He feels not at all discouraged that "the home the hour may yet dawn, and the portents gloomy" but to him who has faith that shall be that is connected with our cause "full of blessings" and that God will be the avenger of our righteous cause, the light of a better day appears burst through the clouds. Let our readers peruse this address and then go out to drive Mr. Lincoln and his hireling hordes from our soil.

☞ Our thanks are due to Delivered Christian Esq., State Senator from this county for a pamphlet copy of the Governor's Message and accompanying documents.

Hardesty Dead.

Capt. Jno. S. Hardesty, Corp. Blackburn and Corp. Jno. Hardesty, killed near a Yankee station in Hardy, Hampshire county, Va., on the 12th inst. 25 prisoners and 25 horses.

The prisoners arrived Friday night.

☞ The guerillas are still busy on the Mississippi and have succeeded in rendering the navigation of that river more dangerous to all steamers not under convoy of gunboats. On board of one recently one man was killed and fifteen wounded.

A fire Friday morning destroyed the tailor works, blacksmith shop and machine shop of the firm of Ingram, Hawks, and Bowles. The second floor of the building in the occupancy of the two new Monitors building there.

For the Vindicator.

MR. EDITOR:—

I have found it difficult to comply with the request of many of my friends in general opinion perhaps the community, in relation to the affairs of the present command in the Valley, that the 1st Battalion, and I have concluded to respond, popular opinion, in the absence of any other communication, and with the consent of the Editor of the Vindicator, I will do so.

I know general descriptions are not the difficulties in discharging the duties of a soldier in the field, the rigorous and severe weather, the uniform privacy and monotonity, as well as the multiplied trials to try and the dignity required of him who presides over the House of Delegates of the ancient Commonwealth. I shall rely now upon your indulgence, and your generous feelings as my excuse, and on your kind consideration, with the assurance of the utmost, to guide aright your impressions and conclusions and to uphold the niceties of character which the House of Delegates of Virginia has always been for good reasons, so jealous of, and high need decorum in the conduct of its business.

Gentlemen:—Virginia has been again called upon to consult for the welfare of the republic. Since I pronounced the adjourning order of the last session of the Legislature, events have been in the under current, and perhaps, the most important, and yet, the most unknown to the public, and yet, the most unknown to the public, and yet, the most unknown to the public