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| " " | 3 " | | 20 00 |

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STAUNTON, VA.

FRIDAY MORNING, JAN. 8, 1864.


REMOVAL.

We have removed our office to the old B. H. Tavern buildings, on New Street House street, one door east of the Provost Marshal's office, (opposite) where we will be pleased to see our old friends.

We are prepared to do work in the neatest manner and on shortest notice.

## WAR NEWS.

No important movements in our armies have taken place during the past month. The siege of Charleston still continues, and the enemy busily engaged at intervals throwing shells into the city. The number thrown up to this time is about 450.

Gen. J. E. Johnston has assumed command of the army of Tennessee in place of Gen. Braxton Bragg resigned. His headquarters are now at Dalton, Ga. The army is said to be in fine condition, increasing rapidly in strength, and when the Spring campaign opens will be ready and willing to meet Gen. Grant with his Northern army either upon the plains of Chickamauga, or upon their threatened advance if they attempt it, toward Atlanta.

From the army of Gen. Lee, we learn from the papers, and also from private sources that all is quiet, with no apprehension of an immediate advance by either of the contending armies. Our troops are said to be in fine condition busily engaged in fixing comfortable quarters for the winter.

From East Tennessee, our latest advices inform us that Burnside still occupies Knoxville, but has not opened his communication by rail with Chattanooga. The country surrounding the city he is holding, has long since been deprived of the food necessary to sustain so large an army as he has on the his command, and it has already become a serious question with the Yankee General how he is to subsist his men.

Gen. Longstreet is in East Tennessee with communication with Bristol Va., by rail nearly completed.

## Augusta Raid Guards.

We read the interesting article of our cotemporary of the "Rockingham Register" descriptive of the arrival of the Yankees at Harrisonburg, their doings while there and their hastyexit, and although disappointed in seeing its mention made of those men of Augusta, who had but just undergone such severe and unaccustomed hardships at North and Shenandoah Mountains, and who again assembled and with commendable alacrity started to meet the enemy then threatening the neighboring county of Rockingham, we can judge through it to our own beloved Augusta, yet gratified to think that our neighbor of the "Register," with all his discrimination, was unable to distinguish the "Augusta Raid Guards" from regular soldiers. This must have been the case, and is very complimentary to the Guards, for we are satisfied that our neighbor's kindly feelings for Augusta and her citizens would not have permitted him knowingly to have omitted to notice the men of Augusta, who had hurriedly, unhesitatingly, willingly gone forth to assist in defending the homes of Rockingham.

It is needless to mention the services of those who were connected with the Guards, for that is well known, but it may not be known that there were others not connected with any organization, who accompanied them. This is greatly to their praise, some of them having no peculiarly interest here.—The few that remained who were able to go have no twitchings of conscience they have, but must bear the censure again for time to come.

## TO OUR PATRONS.

Many of our patrons have called to enquire the reasons of the failure to receive their papers for the last three weeks and as it is not generally known we take this occasion of informing all, and earnestly hope the reason may be satisfactory to others as to those we have seen. We have not published it. And why? Every one connected with the office who could go went with the Augusta Raid Guards' to North Mountain to assist, if possible, in meeting the threatening raid of Averill from that direction, and returning thence on Thursday the 17th December, consequently too late to issue it. On the following Sunday they went down the Valley with the Guards again to meet the enemy, who came as far as Harrisonburg, and only returned, after the enemy were driven below New Market on the next Friday, the day it should have been issued and again too late, when Christmas week intervened, and on account of their incessant labors for the year and their late, cold, disagreeable, and arduous campaigns, we thought it but just that they, weary and nearly broken down, should rest. We sincerely hope that there may be no impediments in the way of issuing the "Vindicator" continuously hereafter, and as far as in us lies we will do our part to hold which all regularly.

## TAX PAYERS.

We call the attention of all persons in this County to the Notice of visits and places at which the Assessors will meet them to receive their returns. Books are scattering, so it will save them much trouble to meet the Assessors promptly. The specific tax of twenty cts. on the quarter nothing of twenty cts. on the quarter nothing of twenty cts. on the quarter nothing