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PROSPECTUS
OF
THE AGE,
A Southern Monthly Magazine.

Will commence will commence in the City of Richmond, early in January, the publication of a Monthly Magazine, under the above title.

It will present in its pages selections from the European Reviews, Scientific, Literary and Industrial Articles of Rare Value and Interest, and having already secured the participation of an extensive corps of contributors, it will present in its pages a variety of matter, unsurpassed in any periodical in the Southern Confederacy. The entire work is under the supervision of the Magazine as nearly as possible, which, with the liberal and extensive arrangements have been made which, it is hoped will enable us to present a Magazine of merit.

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January 22-4m.

CIRCULAR!

The Southern Literary Messenger,
For 1864.

THIS long established well known journal of literature, having been recently purchased by the subscribers, will be found in future more worthy of their patronage. In all its departments, it will be found to be a Southern Journal, with a Southern and Confederate tone, and the proprietors are sanguine of a success in the future, which the Editor and the public shall yield them a support worthy of so important an enterprise, as a Literary Journal, which shall be the representative of the Confederacy.

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Rosin, Beeswax, Tallow, Castor Oil, Gum Arabic, Gum Shellac, Gum Copal, Gum Tragacanth, Balsam Copaiva, Sugar of Lead, Iodide Potassium, Cantharides, Ipecac, Quinine, Morphine, Calomel, Blue Mass, Tartar Emetic, Epsom Salts, Glauber Salts

Daily Dispatch.

W. H. H. TYLER, Editor and Publisher.

Staunton, Va.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 13, 1864.

THE GREAT BATTLE

On the morning of the 5th Gen. Grant threw his forces across the Rapid Ann at Ely's and Germanna Fords. Gen. Ewell moved by the old Turnpike road and Gen. Hill by the plank road to oppose him. Gen Ewell was first attacked, near Parker's Store, Spottsylvania county and repulsed the enemy taking prisoners, variously estimated at from 1,000 to 2,000, and four pieces of artillery. They then turned upon Gen. Hill and were repulsed by Gens. Heth and Wilcox. Gen. Rosser's Brigade on our right, successfully repulsed the attack of a division of the cavalry corps. Rosser's men fought splendidly and lined, added greatly to their already high fame, won on other hotly contested fields.

We hold all the positions at night when the contest closed.

The enemy again advanced on Friday morning on Gens. Ewell and Hill. They were again repulsed by the 2nd Corps, with terrible loss in front of Gen. Early their loss was particularly severe. Gens. Heth and Wilcox, of Hill's corps occupying the centre were compelled to give back, being hard pressed, which from congaitted made a flank movement on the enemy's left, which relieved the centre and the enemy's left and centre were driven back some two miles from their original position. While executing the flank movement on the enemy, Gen. Longstreet was wounded by a mistake of Mahone's Brigade. Gen. Jenkins of S. C. and Col. J. Thompson Brown of the Virginia artillery, were killed in the same fire.

Our loss in the engagements on Thursday and Friday is supposed to reach 7000—while the enemy's is estimated 18,000. These are mere guesses as to the respective losses but there can scarcely be a doubt that the loss of the enemy was much greater than our own. We lost Brig. Gens. R. M. Jones, and Jenkins killed, Brig. Gen. Stafford who died since from the effect of wounds, and Lt. Gen. Longstreet, and Brig. Gen's Pegram and Dunovant wounded. Enemy lost Brig Gens. Hays, Wardsworth, another supposed to be Conch or Cussy and Ogleby (reported) killed, and Brig. Gens Seymour and Shaler prisoners

No fighting Saturday.

Sunday morning Grant abandoned his position and moved to Fredericksburg closely followed by our army. The following is Gen. Lee's dispatch in reference to the latter:

HEADQUARTERS A. N. V. }
Sunday, 8th 1864. }

Hon. Sec. of War:

The enemy have abandoned their positions and are making towards Fredericksburg. This army is moving on their flank.

(Signed) R. E. LEE.

It is reported that Gen. Longstreet attacked the enemy on Sunday last at Spottsylvania C. H. and whipped them and that Gen. Ewell also attacked them on the same day and inflicted severe loss upon them and gained important advantages. Some reports place Gen. Ewell in rear of the enemy between Spottsylvania C. H. and Fredericksburg—but of this we get no positive information and only credit it, so far as the engagement is concerned.

A raiding party of five hundred cavalry fell upon the Central Road at Beaver Dam Depot, capturing and destroying three freight trains and a quantity of stores. Gen. Stuart is reported to have overtaken this party and killed and captured a large number of them, including some 200 Yankee prisoners released by them at the time of the capture of the trains. Gen. Stuart is still in pursuit of the remainder.

Averill with part of his force advanced upon Dublin, on the Va. and Tenn. Railroad and overpowered and defeated Gen. Jenkins' forces at that point, with considerable loss considering the numbers engaged. It was reported that Gen. Jenkins was wounded and a prisoner but this lacks confirmation. Our forces fell back to New River Bridge which was strongly fortified and as it was determined to hold it at all hazards we trust the bridge may have been saved. Any other damage they could do the road would be small. The other part of Averill's command moved towards the Salt works. Report says they were met by our forces, near Tazewell C. H. and badly thrashed. Off report has it that Gen. Morgan and another that Gen. W. E. Jones commanded the forces. The Salt works have not, as it first reported, been destroyed and if Gens. Morgan and Jones are near by with their commands, the attempt will find it rather a difficult thing to accomplish.

On Saturday last the enemy advanced on the Petersburg and Richmond Railroad at Port Walthall Junction. Although the enemy greatly outnumbered our forces they were repulsed with heavy slaughter—prisoners taken place their loss at 2,000. Our loss about 175. A train is reported to have been programing at Drewry's Bluff on Monday, and it is supposed the enemy had fallen upon it in force.

Gen. Averell, who is always on the line of Mad River, damage can be inflicted on the railroad in Hardin, with 60 men of Companies of Maryland and Ohio Regiments, and Gen. Averell will be at Martinsburg, Gen. Sigel will be at Cumberland, and should he receive the aid he asks, he will be able to attend to the rebels in the Valley.

Gen. Averell's attack upon the rebels at Rowlesburg, by both sides, is the most daring and successful of the war. Attempt to flank at Cheat River, failed, and he was compelled to fall back, but he succeeded in burning the bridge, and the damage will amount to $5,000,000 or $6,000,000.

Advices by navy officers from the Gulf, on the Ocean and Virginia and Tennessee Rivers, are all in the highest state of satisfaction. The joint engagement between Gens. Lee and Grant, our forces have been successful, which is all we can desire. The immense preparations made by Gen. Grant, whose great power has heretofore consisted in a vast preponderance in men, have not availed him much in the last seven succeeding days of battle and we trust that Gen. Lee, and his noble army may still continue to thwart his purposes and desires, as successfully as they have thus far.

Since writing the above we have been shown two private dispatches: One, dated Milford May 11th, says: Two more days of hard fighting. Thanks to God our arms still victorious in every engagement.

The other, dated Richmond May 11th. Gen Rice has reported to attack the last two days left Spottsylvania Courthouse on Saturday night.

Richmond is safe and confident.

From Arkansas.

The news from Arkansas is cheering. Gen. Price is reported as having surrounded Steele demanded his surrender. Gen. Steele agreed to the demand on the condition that his troops should be treated as prisoners of war, which was declined by Gen. Price who very properly replied that the slaves must be returned to their owners. A dispatch from Lynchburg states that it is reported that Price captured Steele with 7000 prisoners and that Taylor had demanded the surrender of Banks, who is holding Alexandria. Without authority or information we give the above (as we have the other news of the week) as a rumor which is current and is somewhat credited.

OUR WOUNDED.

For the past few days large numbers of those wounded in the late fights have arrived at Staunton. They were met at the train by many of the Ladies of this place, who supplied them with varied little delicacies prepared for them. Our hospital is full of these gallant unfortunates, who have been wounded in defending our homes and firesides from the ruthless invader, and while we can not heal their wounds by a single wish, we can ameliorate their condition much by sending many little things so generally needed for family use, which will be thankfully received by them.

The attention of the County people is especially directed to this patriotic and humane duty. Send to the wounded anything you can spare and send at once.

Congressional.

We have not, on account of the failure to receive our regular exchange this week been able to give a summary of the proceedings of Congress, as we proposed but will give them in our next.

The Senate has passed a bill to issue five dollar notes as par with new issue by a decided majority. They therefore will be subject to the discount of 33⅓ per cent on and after July 1st 1864, but will be received at par up to that date for taxes or 4 per cent bonds.

☞ We publish in another column the sale of the Records for the Va. Forces, which we call the attention of our readers It is eminently a worthy design and one that will meet the hearty concurrence of all. Each community can aid greatly in this matter by forming organizations for the purpose of learning and reporting the desired information with reference to soldiers from their midst. Let such organizations be formed at once.

From the Lower Valley.

We learn that Gen. Imboden engaged the enemy, composed of parts of three Regiments, at Lost River, Hardy County, a few days since and whipped them, taking some prisoners. They killed their horses, leaving their wagons in our possession.

☞ We have been unable to get a list of the Casualties in the *Regiments* and Companies from this County up to the time of going to press, but hope to be able to give them in full next week.

The Chevalier Bayard.

When his mother was told that her youngest son was on his horse impatient to be off, dancing from the tower of the castle, whither she had retired to weep bitter tears for his departure, she thus addressed and demanded of him three things: the first was, "to love God above all things, and recommend himself night and morning to Him, and serve Him without in any offending, if it might be possible." The second thing was, "to be courteous to all men, casting away pride; neither for lie, nor be a talk-bearer, and poor, whatever gifts God should send him." These were commanded to be simplicity obeyed; and to his mother them he was indebted for the fair fame that of prince or knight without fear and without blame." The third thing was, "to be loyal to men as was meet, and for his country." Bayard faithfully fulfilled the sacred injunction of his First Parent, receive the Holy Sacrament of his hands but he. Being asked what possessing a man had left leave his son, Bayard replied: "Such are least exposed to the power of fire or human force—wisdom and virtue."

Being mortally wounded in a battle, he was placed against a tree. In this situation, calmly waiting for death, he was found by the Duke, who expressed his admiration of the Knight and his Chevalier. "Think the Chevalier Bayard, remained in so place against a tree. Bayard replied: "Such are their country and their oath."

☞ From the Sunbury Gazette we learn that on the battle of Long Island, on the morning of the 27th of July, 1776 all the members of the Washington Guards died and were slaughtered, mortally or invalided.

TO CONSCRIPTS.

Headquarters Provost Marshal, Staunton, Va., May 11, 1864.

Conscripts who have not reported to me, will report immediately at my office, or be reported to the Provost Marshal General, as deserters.

JAS. H. SKINNER, Capt. Comdg.

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA.

I hereby offer myself a candidate for re-election to the office of Clerk of the Circuit Court of this county.

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AT THE

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THE undersigned respectfully informs the Citizens of Augusta, that he is now prepared to exchange cloth for wool upon the following terms: One yard of cloth for two pounds of clean wool. If more convenient the wool can be delivered at Mr. J. Lyon at the Tinkerer Office Staunton, who will receive and receipt for the wool. The cloth will be made according to directions and returned to the owner of the wool.

Those not wishing to barter their wool will find cash for it at the factory. Mr. Lyon, who will pay the highest market price.

Having recently supplied the factory with an extensive set of cards and machinery, I feel satisfied that he will be able to furnish his patrons an article of cloth which will give entire satisfaction.

A. B. TANQUARY.

May 13—3tds.

NOTICE TO ROAD MAKERS.

I desire to have the

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repaired as far as practicable, and as soon as possible, by putting on the stone, filling the ruts and leveling the road, removing loose stone, and repairing culverts.

I will, therefore, receive Sealed Proposals, until

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from all persons who may desire to enter into Contracts to repair said Road or any part thereof as above. Contracts for the entire work will be preferred, and the work to be completed speedily, the time to be extended according to the quantity of work contracted for.

Address, Sealed Proposals, to me at Staunton.

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SALE OF A BUGGY.

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at public auction, to the highest bidder for cash, sell the buggy, harness, horse, harness or the proceeds thereof.

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Reward.

Left from Enolee Furnace Augusta Co. on Monday night the 23rd of April 1864 a Bay mare blind of M. F. Kavanaugh, Sheriff of Louisa Va. branded on the near shoulder, about 15 years of age, 7 feet, is a good saddle Boy, and takes well to the saddle.

I will give the above reward and no questions asked to find my gray mare.

MICHAEL KAVANAUGH.

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