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PROSPECTUS OF "THE AGITATOR" Southern Monthly Magazine.

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PROSPECTUS.—The undersigned will issue, a few weeks, at Richmond, Va., a weekly journal, to be entitled

"THE SOUTHERN PUNCH."

It will be nearly a duplicate size, form and general features of the world renowned London Punch, and will be exclusively devoted to the cause of the South, and to the reformation of public abuses, and the exposure of public frauds, whether in Church or State, Army or Navy, Legislation or Judicature. The Southern Punch will be in full accord with the policies of Jefferson Davis and his Cabinet, and will be the mouthpiece of no political faction, but will be the fearless and independent advocate of the rights of the people, which, in a republican form of government, are the rights of the sovereigns. It will be the aim of the proprietors to make the Southern Punch a thoroughly Southern production, in every sense of the word, and to make it a medium of communication between the people of the Confederate States, which, in a period of civil war, like the present, is almost as necessary as the mail itself. It will be the aim of the proprietors to make the Southern Punch a thoroughly Southern production, in every sense of the word, and to make it a medium of communication between the people of the Confederate States, which, in a period of civil war, like the present, is almost as necessary as the mail itself. It will vindicate those sterling principles of Democracy, which have proved, in the past, the salvation of the country. It will be a vehicle for the expression of the sentiments of the people, on the great questions of the day, and will be a medium of communication between the people and their Representatives in Congress. It will be a vehicle for the expression of sentiment, on the part of the people, in regard to the conduct of their public servants

The Staunton Spectator.

W. H. H. LYNE, Editor and Publisher.

Staunton, Va.

FRIDAY MORNING, MAY 20, 1864.

WAR NEWS.

In our last we gave the latest news from series of battles fought on the Rapidan, to the 11th inst. We resume where we left off. On the 11th (Wednesday) there was very little fighting during the day but heavy skirmishing occurred, at intervals, during the night. At daylight on the 12th (Thursday) the enemy, having massed heavy forces in front of Johnston's Division, made a vigorous assault on Jones' Brigade. For a while our lines were broken and the enemy pressed over our breastworks, capturing a number of prisoners and getting possession of several pieces of our artillery. Other forces were quickly sent to the relief of those engaged at this point and the enemy were driven back. The enemy were reported to have been massed in as many as ten columns deep, the repeated assaults of which were severely repulsed by our troops. At 10 A. M. the enemy made vigorous and repeated assaults on Field's Division but were driven back with great slaughter. At 2 P. M they made a desperate assault on Ewell's front but were driven back with great slaughter.

For eleven consecutive hours this fight raged along our entire line, and was the severest conflict which has taken place, between the contending hosts. The enemy's loss on this one day is estimated at 20,000 while our loss is supposed to be 2,000—the great disparity is accounted from the fact that our troops fought behind breastworks. Grant is the first of the Yankee Generals who had the boldness to attack us within our intrenchments.

Among our casualties are Gens. Perrin, killed. Walker of the Stonewall Brigade wounded in the arm, and McGowan, reported wounded. Gens. Ed. Johnston and G. H. Stuart are supposed to have been captured in the first assault on our entrenchments, when the enemy gained temporary possession of them. The Yankees acknowledge the loss of Gens. Wadsworth, Sedgwick, Stevenson, Hayes, killed, and Webb and Getty wounded. The Washington Star to the 10th estimates Grant's losses to that date by casualties and otherwise at 35,000. The Herald's correspondent on the 9th sums up their losses at 27,000, not including stragglers and sick. This being the admitted losses of the army of the Potomac to the 10th inst., it can not be less than 60,000 at present—considering the immense loss they sustained on the 12th. The total of our loss thus far is estimated, at the highest, at 15,000.

The most jubilant dispatches have been received from Grant's army to Washington asserting the rapid retreat of Lee's army on Richmond, after a series of defeats, and Lincoln issued the following in consequence of the victory, which was not won, as they will shortly learn.

EXECUTIVE MANSION,
Washington, May, 9, 1864.

To the Friends of Union and Liberty:

Enough is known of army operations within the last five days to claim our especial gratitude to God, while what remains undone demands our most sincere prayers to and reliance upon Him, without whom all human effort is vain.

I recommend that all patriots at their homes and their places of public worship, and wherever they may be, unite in common thanksgiving and prayer to Almighty God.

(Signed) ABRAHAM LINCOLN.

Although the dispatches have led to the general belief in Washington that Lee's army was defeated and Grant would shortly reach Richmond, the Herald's correspondent, spoken of above, who was at the front has an entirely different idea. He says, in his letter of the 9th, "that the supplies of the army of the Potomac are nearly exhausted and that if the Rebels give Grant as much trouble on the rest of the route as they have thus far, his chances for success are slim indeed." This was prior to the 12th on which day we fancy that the said correspondent found the difficulties they encountered were of a more serious nature than any they had met with before, to overcome.

We feel anxious to hear the news from Yankedom now.

On Saturday (14th) there was a cavalry fight on our left wing, a body of infantry having engaged Chalmer's cavalry brigade, which fought them some time until our infantry came up, when we drove the enemy back, capturing about 100 prisoners.

On Wednesday Grant attempted to turn Gen Lee's right flank but was driven back with considerable loss.

The raiding party of Cavalry, infantry, and Artillery, 5,000 strong under Col. Spears, which crossed the Richmond and Petersburg road in the direction of the Danville Railroad, for the purpose of destroying the latter, struck the road at Coalfield Thursday night (12th). The damage done was slight. They proceeded to Appomattox for the purpose of destroying the railroad bridge at that point. They were met by a sufficient force, which, in the engagement which took place, killed Col. Louis E. Harvey, commanding the Yankees. He is said to have killed twenty and wounded a number. They crossed the Appomattox lower down and proceeded in the direction of the Clover Hill coal mines which it is supposed they intended to attempt return to their starting point, Butler's army.

Gen. Averill's advance was within twenty miles of Lynchburg on the 4th inst. and was driven back by the Rebels.

J. E. B. Stuart was killed on Tuesday (10th.) The command was afterwards intercepted near Newport by the commands of Fitzhugh and Jackson, who are reported to have captured 8 in the mountains. But little damage was done to railroad, except at New River bridge. The salt works and Lead mines are safe.

On Monday morning last a general engagement was commenced between Burnside's and Butler's forces in the neighborhood of Drewry's Bluff. Gen. Beauregard turned the enemy's river flank (their right, our left) and drove them towards the centre with heavy loss capturing three hundred prisoners. They were also driven back in the centre with the loss of some of their artillery. The whole number of prisoners captured thus far is 1640. The attack was renewed by Gen. Beauregard at 6 P. M. From firing heard Gen Whiting, it was thought, had gained their rear.

On Tuesday they were forced back to Bermuda Hundreds, under the protection of their gunboats.

From the Valley.

On Sunday last Gen. Breckenridge met the forces of Seigel, moving up the Valley, two miles this side of New Market, defeating them with heavy loss and driving them to the Shenandoah River, a distance of ten miles. They crossed the North Fork of the Shenandoah at Mt. Jackson and burned the bridge after them, which, owing to the high stage of the water, prevented further pursuit by our forces. In all 230 prisoners, including those captured by Gen. Imboden at New Market in a previous fight with the 1st New York Cavalry, have arrived here, and more are on the way. A friend who went only a mile below New Market, counted in that distance 79 dead Yankees on the right of the road and 33 on the left. From this it is presumed that their loss in killed and wounded must have been severe. It was quite a glorious little fight. Gen. Imboden brought on the engagement, using a number in the 62nd Va. Regt. Capt. Currence killed and Capts. Chipley, Bastable, Hill, Holt, Smith and Woodson wounded.

The Cadets of the Va. Military Institute were engaged in this fight and acted very gallantly. They won the admiration of the veteran troops and their gallant officers. We have received thro' the kindness of Capt. R. H. Phillips of this place a list of the killed and wounded.

Killed.—W. H. Cabell, Richmond Va., J. Jones and C. G. Crockett, Wytha Co. Stanard, Orange, Co; McDowell, N. C.

Wounded—Lieut Hill; Randolph Fauntier Co; Jefferson, Amelia; Berkeley, Loudon; Gannow, Alabama; Stuart, Augusta; Mead Gloucester; Dillard, Amherst; Haynes, Tenn; F Smith, Alexandria; Woodley, Louisiana; Pendleton, Campbell; Gibson, Garnett, and Marshall, Vicksburg, Mississippi; Triplett, Walker, Reid, Wise, J and E Smith, Richmond; F Wise and Upshur Norfolk; Bransford and G Spiller, Dinwiddie; White, Washington; Watson, N C; Atwell, Westmoreland; Moorman and Shriver, Wheeling Va, Danden and Dickinson, Prince Edward; C W Turner, Staunton; Johnston, Harrison.

A Stuart, C Taylor, J Stuart, Wm Crawford, G Harrison and S T Phillips cadets from Staunton, also participated in the fight and we are glad to say are unharmed.

Staunton Artillery.

This company, commanded by Capt. Garber of Staunton, in the recent fight at Spottsylvania C. H. has gloriously maintained the high reputation it won on the field of First Manassas. In this engagement the Richmond Howitzers left their guns and Gen. Lee called for volunteers to man them. The Staunton Artillery promptly moved forward and manned the Howitzer Battery and two others, and worked the guns so efficiently as to receive a handsome compliment from Gen. Lee.

Here they lost Jas T Burns, killed, and Sergt's Jno Bryan, and John Butler, Corpl Benj. Pforr and Privates W C Smith, Peter Good, John Stirewalt, Christian Huffman, Peter Proctor Benj Ford and Henry Woods, wounded slightly, except Benj Pforr who is supposed to be mortally wounded.

GENERAL HOSPITAL, Staunton, Va.
May 15, 1864.

In behalf of the patients of my Ward, I acknowledge the reception of many very acceptable articles brought by Mrs Carson, Mrs Stringer and Mrs Hopkins of Midway.

The thanks of the patients and myself are respectfully tendered to them for their kindness.

L. WADDILL, Surgeon.

☞ We saw yesterday two loads of provisions collected in one day, by Ed. Montgomery Esqr. from charge of Stocks of the Dead field neighborhood, for the still wounded in the Hospitals at Staunton. Such kindness to our unfortunate wounded are we thy of imitation by our people generally and will not go unrewarded.

☞ We call the attention of the Taxpayers of the Town of Staunton, to the notice of the Assessor, Capt J. F. Smith, below. Meet him at once and make out your statements.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS.

HAVING been appointed assessor, of the 5 per cent. Confederate Tax, for the Town of Staunton, I hereby give notice that I will be prepared to meet that at my office, in rear of Mrs N. Kinney's residence, on Market street, on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday of each week, until the 1st of June next, when all Books, lists &c., not delivered to me, will be left in the hands of the Assessors of the Town, for the property on their respective districts.

JOHN F. SMITH, Assessor
for the Town of Staunton.

May 20—2t

EXCHANGE NOTICE NO. 9.

Richmond, Va., May 14, 1864.

Exchange will take place at the lines near Richmond on the 18th instant, of officers and privates on parole, of the Army of Northern Virginia.

R. OMOND,
Lt. Colonel and Commissary of Prisoners.

May 20—2t

Lost Pocket Book.

On the 9th inst. between Staunton and Mt. Vernon, a Pocket Book containing a small sum of money, whose loss is deeply felt by the owner, who has a family to support and has recently lost his left arm in the service of his country. The finder will be liberally rewarded if he will return the Pocket Book, with its contents, to the subscriber, or leave it with Messrs. Kinney & Crawford, Staunton.

J. P. S.

In the Hospital at Gordonsville, on the 12th of May, Lieut. Robert D. Lilley, son of Augusta County, aged 29 years. He entered the army at the commencement of the war, as a private in the Staunton Artillery, and was promoted at first by Capt Robert D. Lilley, now Col. D. 12th Va. Cav.

During the past he was not to the line of duty, but when he received a severe wound in the shoulder, he left reluctantly to the hospital.

He was an affectionate son and kind brother, loved by his companions in arms, and universally an excellent soldier.

To the bereaved parents his Father, he expressed the hope that he might escape as his former companions, but added, *"If I think I shall die with my face to the enemy, I feel never fail a coward's grave;"* and he does not.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

40 VETERANS OF THE CONFEDERATE ARMY!

Camp near Rapidan River, Va., February, 1864.

THE obscurity of advertisement suggests to the undersigned the importance of such a medium, as will enable him to inform the public more in nature of a mark, *the great objective immediately for the gubernatorial of the Southern States, by offering one hundred dollars reward to the successful extermination of the Confederate Army.* Such an offer, he trusts, will be a strong merit to worth.—If partial, he will be in vain efforts to extol the virtues of the humblest, as of the most exalted, who have fought with courage of remarkable daring, endurance, sacrifice and patriotism—by which virtues, exile, camp, hospital and imprisonment—by which virtues and virtues, or without rank, living or dead, whose meritorious services have unfortunately resulted in distinction, shall be placed in the annals of the present American Rebellion.

Sketches of the lives of distinguished soldiers, regardless of grade, distinguished and accomplished, of every character in society, whether in peace, war, tragedy, comedy or farce—all equally entitled to a place in the Confederate Guard, 5th Va. Regt. at the battle of Chancellorsville. Being particularly qualified from further service to the enemies in the field, I am indeed to turn my attention to civil pursuits, and pray all those who have the Power and Will to devote to its duties all the Energy and industry, of which I am capable.

With this brief outline, I respectfully submit my claims to the people of Augusta, to whom my services are tendered. Desirable or otherwise, I will cheerfully submit.

JOS. N. RYAN.

MY experience in last Summer's campaign, and assures me that my efficiency in Winter's campaign, would be equally great, but for the fact that I am so disabled on account of a severe wound in left shoulder, the effects of which seem to be lasting; and from recent wounds in Left Leg, which will service likely to be required of me in the field, I, in compliance with the request of many of my friends, announce myself a Candidate for the Clerkship of the Circuit and County Courts of Highland, State Assigned.

J. C. MATHENY.

March 11 tc.

TO THE VOTERS OF AUGUSTA:

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

A. R. KINNEY.

March 25—tc.

We are authorized to announce

JAMES A. BURNSIDE,

as a Candidate for the office of Clerk of the County Court of Augusta, at the ensuing election 4th May next.

We are authorized to announce

JOHN J. LAKEY,

as a candidate for the office of Sheriffalty for Augusta county.

Feb. 12—tfc

We are authorized to announce

SAMUEL PAUL,

as a candidate for the office of Sheriffalty for Augusta county. Feb. 26—tfc

WOOL WANTED

AT THE

WOOLEN FACTORY

Port Republic,

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY, VA.

THE undersigned, respectfully informs the citizens of Augusta, that he is now prepared to receive Wool, upon the following terms, viz: One yard of cloth for two pounds of clean washed wool. If more convenient, the wool can be delivered to Messrs. A. Lyne & Co. at Staunton, who will receive and receipt for the wool, and a purchaser be waiting at the Factory, directions sent and returned to the same point if desired.

Those not wishing to barter their wool will find a purchaser by calling at Mr. Lyne, who will pay the highest market price.

The wool received at the factory, with an entire new set of very fine cards, he flatters himself that he will be able to furnish his patrons with an article of cloth which will give entire satisfaction.

A. B. TANQUARY.

May 13—3m.

NOTICE TO ROAD HAKERS.

I desire to have the

Staunton and Parkersburg Turnpike

repaired, so as to make it as smooth and durable, by removing the side ditches, filling ruts and leveling the road, removing loose rocks, and repairing bridges.

I will therefore receive Sealed Proposals, on

the 20th day of May,

from all persons who may desire, to enter into Contracts to repair said Road or any part thereof as above, specifying what portion of said road they will be repaired, and the work to be completed within a reasonable time, to be agreed upon according to the extent of the Contract.

Address, Sealed Proposals to me at Staunton, Augusta Co., Va.

Superintendent of Road & P. Turnpike.

May 12 3t.

RECEIVERS

SALE OF A BUGGY

By virtue of a decree of the Confederate States Court for the western District of Virginia, rendered in the case of Thomas Hinkle, Receiver, Thomas J. Hinkle, Receiver, Singleton Mc. Nair vs. Thomas J. Hinkle, Defendant.

I will sell at public sale, at the Court House door, Staunton, Augusta County, Va., on the 14th day of June next, the following property, viz:

One Buggy.

TERMS—Cash.

THOS. J. HINKLE,
Receiver.

May 14—ds

350 Reward.

RANAWAY from Estelle Furnace, Rockingham Co., Va., on Monday night last, the following negroes, who was hired of W. P. Good, Staunton, Augusta Co., Va., belonging to Mrs. Jane Hoge, of Loudoun Co., Va., viz:

JIM, a black fellow, about 22 years old, very black, he is a quick talker, very fast when he talks.

The above reward will be paid if apprehended and confined so that we get him.

JAMES HOGE.
JAMES KUHLER.

May 13 2t Staunton, Va.

NOTICE.

All persons are hereby warned against trading for COFFEE, SUGAR, STOCKINGS, or any other thing with my wife, as I will not pay any debts she may contract after this date.

JOHN GRATTOTO.

April 22—1t

WANTED.

Two Good Hands to work in the Merchant Mill of Mayer, for which a liberal price will be paid. Apply at THE SPECTATOR OFFICE.

Feb 19.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

CIRCULAR.

BUREAU OF CONSCRIPTION,
Richmond, Va., April 1, 1864.

GENERAL ORDERS, No. 16.

I. General Orders, No. 14, of January 1st, 1864, directed the enrollment of all persons who made a gain or profit out of the necessities of soldiers and published the names of those who had thus violated the laws of the Confederate States against speculation.

II. Under the terms of the 5th Section of the act of Congress published in General Orders, No. 26, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office, and the 3rd Section of Act of Congress, approved March 26, 1864, the commandants will proceed to organize the service of Conscripts in the manner, in addition to the organization therein provided for, and in further pursuance of paragraph 11, of Circular of General Orders, No. 26, commandants will forthwith organize in each county a Board, to consist of the mayor, or other chief officer of the town, if there be any, in the county, and two other persons, who shall be selected by the commandant of the district, from the ages of 45 and 50 years, and shall be known as the Board of Conscription.

This Board will be charged with aiding the local enrolling officer in obtaining information of persons who have violated the laws of the land, or artificially raise the prices of indispensable articles, and also in furnishing all other information which may be required by the Bureau of Conscription, or the enrolling officers.

The local or congressional enrolling officer will be required to execute the action of these Boards and promptly report to the commandant sufficient information to enable the parties to be prosecuted for them. So long as the duties are properly discharged, the members of the Board will be free from other service. They will be sent in the enrolling to select proper men; and in case any of the years designated have been already taken by the enrolling officer, he will, at his discretion, require the Certificate of the Board, in lieu of the enrolling officer, or application for detail, and may call on them for special information concerning matters pertinent to their duties. In every case, the report of the local or Congressional district enrolling officer to the commandant of the district, in the form prescribed, be certified or accompanied by the card, and the like rule will be strictly observed by commandants in making their reports.

III. Commandants will order the immediate enrollment of Conscripts who are now in the employ of any department of the Government, and who are not properly exempted by the laws, regulations, and such as are found fit for service in the field, shall be sent forward to the 10th of May, or as provided on application is made according to the terms of the 4th paragraph of General Orders No. 26, Adjutant and Inspector General's Office.

IV. Commandants of conscripts will forthwith inform the Bureau of Conscription of any irregularities to be employed in accordance with Paragraph 12, General Orders No. 26, herein cited—and also report any persons who may be guilty of irregularities in the Medical examinations. Information of irregularities will be sent to the Bureau and commandants will promptly report any well ascertained delinquency in the matter.

The monthly reports required by the commandants of Conscripts will be forwarded; also the monthly reports of the Congressional and local enrolling officers. These records must be accurately kept, and the reports based on them must be made up and forwarded promptly, so that they may be returned for revision and correction.

VI. Persons now exempted in the 1st, 2d, 3d, 4th, 5th, and 6th articles of section 1st, except those referred to in the latter clause of the 6th article of the act of Congress, as the act of Congress recited, shall be excepted. All a bodies have entered in the 6th and 7th articles.

VII. EXEMPTIONS BY EXAMINING BOARDS

1. Persons who shall be determined by the Board of Examination to be incapable of performing active service in the field, shall be enrolled in the 5th section of the said act of Congress and be exempted from active service, but not exempt from military service by the said Board, within their great certainty, therefore, which shall be determined by the Board of Examination, shall be the nature and degree of the disease or other incapacity, and the parties shall not be subject to future examination, unless specially ordered by the Board of Examination of the county in which such parties reside, or by the commandant of conscription, or the Bureau of Conscription.

2. When, in the opinion of enrolling officers, the cause for which exemption was granted to a person by the Board of Examination, shall be removed, or shall, they will report the fact to the commandant of conscription, who, if satisfied, will order the reexamination of such person, when enrolled, when examined, and the disease or other cause of disability, with the reasons for believing it to have disappeared, and the person will be capable of performing active service in the field, or other service, shall be reported to the end the action of the act adopted.

The examining Board will then order the party to be forwarded to the Board of Examination.

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